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# BOOK OF BIOGRAPHIES.

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## Biographical Sketches

OF

### LEADING CITIZENS

OF THE

### Seventeenth Congressional District

PENNSYLVANIA.

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## PREFACE.

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HAVING brought to a successful termination our labors in the Seventeenth Congressional District in compiling and editing the sketches herein contained, we desire, in presenting this Book of Biographies to our patrons, to make a few remarks, necessarily brief, in regard to the value and importance of local works of this nature. We agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson that "Biography is the only true history," and also are of the opinion that a collection of the biographies of the leading men of a nation would give a more interesting, as well as authentic, history of their country than any other that could be written. The value of such a production as this cannot be too highly estimated. With each succeeding year the haze of Obscurity removes more and more from our view the fast disappearing landmarks of the past; Oblivion sprinkles her dust of forgetfulness on men and their deeds, effectually concealing them from the public eye; and because of the many living objects which claim our attention, few of those who have been removed from the busy world linger long in our memory. Even the glorious achievements of the present age may not insure it from being lost in the glare of greater things to come, and so it is manifestly a duty to posterity for the men at the present time to preserve a record of their lives and a story of their progress from low and humble beginnings to great and noble deeds, in order that future generations may read the account of their successful struggles, and profit by their example. A local history affords the best means of preserving ancestral history, and it also becomes, immediately upon its publication, a ready book of reference for those who have occasion to seek biographical data of the leading and early settled families. Names, dates and events are not easily remembered by the average man, so it behooves the generations now living, who wish to live in the memory of their descendants, to write their own records, making them full and broad in scope, and minute in detail, and insure their preservation by having them put in printed form. We firmly believe that in these collated personal memoirs will be found as true and as faithful a record of the Seventeenth Congressional District

as may be obtained anywhere, for the very sufficient reason that its growth and development are identified with that of the men who have made it what it is to-day—the representative leading men, whose personal sketches it has been a pleasure to us to write and give a place in this volume. From the time when the hand of civilized man had not yet violated the virgin soil with desecrating plow, nor with the ever-ready frontiersman's ax felled the noble, almost limitless, forests, to the present period of activity in all branches of industry, we may read in the histories of the district's leading men, and of their ancestors, the steady growth and development which has been going on here for a century and a half, and bids fair to continue for centuries to come. A hundred years from now, whatever records of the present time are then extant, having withstood the ravages of time and the ceaseless war of the elements, will be viewed with an absorbing interest, equaling, if not surpassing, that which is taken to-day in the history of the early settlements of America.

It has been our purpose in the preparation of this work to pass over no phase or portion of it slightly, but to give attention to the smallest points, and thus invest it with an air of accuracy, to be obtained in no other way. The result has amply justified the care that has been taken, for it is our honest belief that no more reliable production, under the circumstances, could have been compiled.

One feature of this work, to which we have given special prominence, and which we are sure will prove of extraordinary interest, is the collection of portraits of the representative and leading citizens which appear throughout the volume. We have tried to represent the different spheres of industrial and professional activity as well as we might. To those who have been so uniformly obliging and have kindly interested themselves in the success of this work, volunteering information and data which have been very helpful to us in preparing this Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, we desire to express our grateful and profound acknowledgment of their valued services.

CHICAGO, ILL., May, 1899.

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## NOTE

ALL the biographical sketches published in this volume were submitted to their respective subjects, or to the subscribers from whom the facts were primarily obtained, for their approval or correction before going to press; and a reasonable time was allowed in each case for the return of the type-written copies. Most of them were returned to us within the time allotted, or before the work was printed, after being corrected or revised; and these may therefore be regarded as reasonably accurate.

A few, however, were not returned to us; and, as we have no means of knowing whether they contained errors or not, we cannot vouch for their accuracy. In justice to our readers, and to render this work more valuable for reference purposes, we have indicated these uncorrected sketches by a small asterisk (\*), placed immediately after the name of the subject. They will all be found on the last pages of the book.

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CHRISTIAN FREDERICK KNAPP.

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## Seventeenth Congressional District.

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**C**HRISTIAN FREDERICK KNAPP, one of the most widely known residents of the state of Pennsylvania, is one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Bloomsburg. He was born in the city of Besigheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, October 12, 1822, and is a son of John Baltas and Sophia Dorothea (Kontzman) Knapp.

John B. Knapp was born in the city of Besigheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, in March, 1784, and was a vine-dresser until April, 1831, when, with his wife and six sons, he came to this country, landing in the city of Philadelphia August 9, 1831. Later he moved to Kensington, Pa., where he worked twelve years as a glassblower; he then moved to Pottsgrove township, Montgomery County, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his active days, engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He died at the age of eighty-seven years. He was united in marriage with Sophia Dorothea Kontzman, who was born in Stadten, Germany, August 9, 1791, the nuptials occurring in April, 1814. As a result of this union the following children were born to them: Christian G., born August 7, 1819; Louisa Clara,

born May 7, 1821; Christian F., our subject; Gottlieb Ernst, born February 6, 1825; Charles August, born December 16, 1826; Gottlieb, born September 17, 1828; William Frederick, born January 11, 1830; Caroline Dorothea, born February 3, 1834, who is the wife of J. E. Van Natta; John George, born May 4, 1836; and Jacob, born May 11, 1838. The mother of our subject passed from this life at the age of fifty years.

Christian Frederick Knapp was educated principally by his father, who was a good Latin scholar and took great pride in assisting his children to acquire a good education. Our subject inherited many of the good traits of character of his father, who was aide-de-camp on Napoleon's staff during the Russian campaign, at the burning of Moscow, and at the battle of Berdine. Our subject's first active labor was to drive a team on the canal, and while a mere lad he passed through various degrees of a boatman's life to captain; he then became a teamster during the construction of the first furnace erected there; he then chose the trade of a mason and, after serving an apprenticeship for three years, became a skilled

workman. While working at his trade he fell through a furnace, which fall nearly cost him his life; upon recovering his health he was appointed assistant revenue assessor and served as such through Lincoln's administration. Subsequently he turned his attention to the fire insurance business and represented six of the leading insurance companies as agent, and was also special agent and adjuster throughout the state for the companies he represented. Mr. Knapp erected a fine house at No. 346 East Main street, where he now resides.

Our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Maria Elizabeth Van Natta, a daughter of Peter Van Natta of Bloomsburg, and they were wedded October 13, 1846. She was born in Bloomsburg, October 18, 1825, and died December 21, 1891. To our subject and wife were born the following children: Caroline Margaret, born July 18, 1847, who is the wife of William F. Bodine, a painter and paper decorator; Sophia Amelia, born February 3, 1849, wife of John Harvey Long of Madera, Cal., and they have reared two children, Christian Frederick and Carrie, another, Harold, having died in infancy; John Ellis, born March 10, 1850, died in 1856; Peter Ernst, born September 23, 1853, wedded Clara Wicht, and they are the parents of two children,—Mary Smith and Jennie Stowell; and Mary Catherine, born October 14, 1859, who is the wife of George Sloan Robbins of Bloomsburg, who had one child, Katherine Marie, who died May 26, 1897, at the age of nine years.

Mr. Knapp joined the I. O. O. F. in 1846; was secretary of Van Camp Lodge, No. 140, and for thirty-two years district deputy grand master; a member of Susquehanna Encampment, No. 60; and district deputy grand patriarch seven years. Mr. Knapp is a fine speak-

er. Certainly there is not another man in the state of Pennsylvania, if in the United States, who is as well posted in Masonry as is Mr. Knapp. He has traveled all over this state and has been given many banquets; also been presented with many valuable and handsome presents in token of his services in the Masonic fraternity. On September 23, 1851, he received his first degree in Free Masonry, in Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M.; in October of the same year he received the second degree and in November the third degree. In January, 1852, he resigned his membership in the Danville Lodge for the purpose of starting a lodge in Bloomsburg, and in August a charter was granted by the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania to Washington Lodge, No. 265, to be held in Bloomsburg, and C. F. Knapp was named in the warrant as its first Junior Warden. In December he was elected W. M. of the lodge and served until December, 1854, when he was elected secretary, having served as such up to the present time. He was appointed by the R. W. G. M. as D. D. G. M. for the counties of Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Wyoming, and served as such for eight years, when he resigned. He received the Mark Master Degree in Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, at Philadelphia, from Harman Bauch, Grand High Priest; November 21, 1855, he received the Most Excellent and R. A. degrees in Catawissa Chapter, No. 178; passed the chairs of said chapter and was appointed and served as D. D. G. High Priest for six years; in 1869 he resigned from the Chapter and obtained a charter for Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M., and has since served as secretary of the same. On March 6, 1856, he was Knighted in Park Encampment, No. 11, K. T., and appendant orders by Charles Blumenthal, Grand Master;



in May, 1856, received a charter for Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T., and was named in the same as the first Eminent Commander, and served as such for three years; also served as recorder since. In May, 1857, our subject was elected G. Captain General; in 1858, G. Generallissimo; in 1859, G. Deputy G. Commander; and in 1860, G. Right Eminent G. Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. In May, 1861, he was elected G. Lecturer of the Knights Templar of the state and served in 1862-63; and in 1864 was elected G. Division Commander of the state of Pennsylvania and served as such in 1864 and 1865.

On November 21, 1856, Mr. Knapp took the council degrees in Palestine Council, No. 9, of R. & S. Masters, at Pottstown, Pa., and resigned for the purpose of starting a Council of S. M. at Bloomsburg; was made, by Alfred Creigh, L. L. D., M. P. G. Master of Pennsylvania; obtained a charter for Mt. Moriah Council, No. 10, in the same year, being mentioned in the warrant as the Second Officer; in December, 1857, was elected as T. I. G. M. and served four years; in December, 1861, was elected recorder of same and has since served in that capacity; in May, 1868, was elected M. P. G. M. of Pennsylvania, and was re-elected until he retired, in 1876.

In May, 1856, he received the degrees A. A. S. Rite from the 4th to the 18th, inclusive, in Harrisburg at the hands of R. H. Van Rensalier, G. Commander, N. M. Jurisdiction, and during the same year received the degrees from the 18th to the 32d, inclusive, Harrisburg Consistory, S. P. R. S.; in May, 1857, received a charter for Enoch Lodge of Perfection, 14th Degree, and the charter for Zerrubabel Council, P. of Jer., 16th Degree, and Evergreen Chapter of Rose Croix, 18th Degree, serving as first officer in each of the

three bodies for one year, and then as secretary of each body up to 1879. In May, 1858, he received the charter for Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32d Degree, and was named as its first Ill. Com.-in-Chief, serving as such twenty-six years; in May, 1868, was elected an honorary member of the Supreme Council and received the 33d Degree at Cincinnati, O.; in 1870 he was elected to the active 33d Degree in Supreme Council and was crowned as such in New York City. In September, 1879, he resigned his active membership and returned to the honorary rank; December 7, 1870, he received the order of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Knights St. John, Viceroy Eusebeus Prince Mason and Holy Sepulchre, at the hands of Sir Alfred Creigh, L. L. D., in the city of Philadelphia, he being the Chief Intendant General for the U. S. of A., by authority of the Imperial Council of England, and from him obtained a charter for Orient Conclave, No. 2, to be held in Bloomsburg, his name being enrolled on the book of the Imperial Council in London, England.

On December 16, 1876, the number, 15, of Orient Conclave was changed to No. 2, as above, C. F. Knapp being the first Sovereign of the same. In 1872 he retired from that position, having served during the years 1871 and 1872. In December, 1872, the Grand Council of Pennsylvania being formed at Reading (independent of England), he was elected as G. Viceroy and served three years. In February, 1875, he was elected G. Sovereign of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, in Harrisburg, and served as such one year. June 1, 1875, the G. Imperial Council of the U. S. was formed and Mr. Knapp was elected Grand Senior General of that body; was elected Deputy G. Master of the G. Imperial Council for the U. S. in the city of New York;

in 1877 he was elected Grand Master of that body in Rochester, N. Y.

In February, 1874, he received the order of Grand Cross at the hands of C. L. Stowell, G. Sovereign of Pennsylvania, at the age of fifty-two years. No nation can have more than fifty living members of this order. In June, 1877, at a Grand Chapter of Grand Crosses, he was elected a second time as the second grand officer of that body for the United States. In June, 1879, at a Grand Chapter of Grand Crosses, he was elected as Grand Master of the U. S. In June 1880, Mr. Knapp retired from that office.

The publishers of this work take pleasure in announcing that a portrait of Mr. Knapp is presented on a preceding page.

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**J**OHAN R. FLEMING, who is prominently known as the proprietor of the old Rogers Woolen Mills near Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., is also engaged in farming, owning a fine farm adjoining the mill. He is a man of great industry and his success has been due to his own efforts. He was born in Elkland township, Sullivan County, November 10, 1862, and he is a son of Daniel and Catherine M. (Osler) Fleming.

Daniel Fleming, the father of our subject, was a prosperous farmer of Elkland township at the beginning of the Civil War and in 1864, when the duration of the war was uncertain and the successes of the South had cast deep gloom over the loyal states, he, like many another brave man, willed that his country should live, and he immediately offered his services. He enlisted in Company D, Heavy Artillery, leaving a happy home, a family and many friends. At the battle of the Wilder-

ness, on June 17th, he was wounded and three days later passed into the unknown world. He was united in marriage with Catherine M. Osler, by whom he had one son, John R., our subject. She is a daughter of John H. and Jane (Myers) Osler, and her grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812, in which he was killed. After the latter's death his wife married a Mr. Bryan and settled in Sullivan County, Pa., where John H. Osler was reared. After reaching manhood he moved to Elkland township and engaged in farming; later he moved to what is now Forksville and engaged in woolen manufacturing, purchasing the mills our subject now owns. These he conducted for a period of thirty-five years. He died at the age of eighty-four years and his wife at seventy-nine. The children born to them were: Jeremiah M., of Elkland township; Sarah Jane, deceased; Catherine M., our subject's mother; John S. of Elkland township; Clay M. of Forks township; Lydia, who married Perry Benfield of Forksville; David W. of Lycoming County; and Edwin R. of Halestown, Md. The widow of Daniel Fleming formed a second alliance with Daniel T. Huckell, deceased, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies.

John R. Fleming was reared on a farm and obtained a good common school education, after which he took up the occupation of a farmer and followed it until 1884. He then, in association with D. W. Osler, Esq., bought the old Rogers Woolen Mills in Forksville of J. H. Osler and purchased a tract of fifty acres adjoining. In 1887 the firm dissolved partnership, our subject retaining the farm and Mr. Osler the mill. Since then Mr. Fleming has leased the mill and is engaged in the manufacture of woolen yarns and doing general custom work. He has a full set of cards and







HON. SIMON P. WOLVERTON.

the capacity of his factory is seventy-five pounds per day. The Rogers mills were established early in the Nineteenth Century, and are widely known throughout the county, as they were for a time the only woolen mills in that section. Mr. Fleming still owns the farm, with the exception of one lot, which he disposed of to his wife's mother, Mrs. F. B. Glidwell, on which she has erected a handsome residence. He is a man of thorough business habits, enterprising and industrious, and has led an exemplary life.

Mr. Fleming was united in marriage on June 6, 1888, with Della Glidwell, a daughter of Franklin B. and Malinda (Boyle) Glidwell, and a granddaughter of William and Mary (Little) Glidwell. James Glidwell was the earliest ancestor in this country and came from England, locating in Sullivan County, Pa., where he was among the early settlers. He married a Miss King and six children blessed their home: John; Thomas; Betsey; Sally; David; and William.

William Glidwell was born in Northumberland County, Pa., where his parents stopped a short time prior to locating in Sullivan County. He grew to manhood and purchased a farm in Elkland township where he followed farming and ran a threshing machine for some years. Then, selling out, he bought the stone gristmill with Dr. Randall as a partner and was engaged in operating the mill during the remainder of his days. He married Mary Little, and their children were: Daniel; Sarah Ann; Sarah Ann; Esther; Daniel; Elizabeth; George; William K.; Franklin B.; and Malinda B. The first three named died in their infancy.

Franklin B. Glidwell took up agricultural pursuits at an early age, purchasing a farm in Elkland township, but later operated a mill at Forksville for twenty years, owning it

for seventeen years of that time. Having sold that, he engaged in market gardening in partnership with our subject, taking produce to Forksville and Eagles Mere, principally to the latter place. He was united in marriage to Malinda Boyle, a daughter of John Boyle of Elkland township, and they have two children: Della; and Ivy, who died at the age of twenty-four years.

Our subject and his wife have one daughter, Grace, who was born August 11, 1889. Politically he is a firm Republican. He is a school director, and for the past nine years has been a member of the town council.

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**R**ON. SIMON P. WOLVERTON of Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, is one of the foremost attorneys and one of the most successful and formidable corporation lawyers in this state, and ex-Representative in Congress from the Seventeenth Congressional District. He is a son of Joseph and Charity (Kase) Wolverton, and was born in Rush township, Northumberland County, January 28, 1837.

Our subject truly is a self-made man. Starting out to make his way in youth he had as his resources an unusually brilliant intellect, a sturdy physique and a constitution which seems to have been built as of iron. From comparative obscurity, by his untiring industry and his personal merit and effort, he has risen to a position in the front rank of Pennsylvania's men of great attainments, and all who know him and realize his worth as a man and a citizen rejoice that he has won the honors and the success to which he is so justly entitled. In his youth Mr. Wolverton, who had secured a fairly good schooling, taught

school, receiving a meager salary, determined to earn enough to pay his expenses through college. Subsequently, when he began the study of law, he read Blackstone day and night so eager was he to adopt the profession to which he was attracted and for which his strong and logical intellect seemed so well to fit him. As in his youth, Mr. Wolverton in his young manhood continued to be a diligent student and a hard worker, and the same traits of character have well served him through the remarkably successful career he has enjoyed as a lawyer and as a statesman. A man of even temper, of indomitable will and possessing the best of health, he has known no such thing as failure, nor has he encountered defeat. As a lawyer, Mr. Wolverton is very thorough in the preparation of his cases and in the courts he handles them with masterly skill.

In his young manhood Mr. Wolverton completed his education at Danville Academy and Lewisburg University, in this state. In the university he doubled his studies and by hard work and persistent effort accomplished the work of the Junior and Senior courses in one year, doing that which ordinarily requires two years' study in the single year, and graduated from the institution in 1860. Following his graduation from the university our subject entered the office of Hon. Alexander Jordan in Sunbury, Mr. Jordan then being the presiding judge in the Eighth Judicial District as then constituted. Mr. Wolverton was admitted to the bar in April, 1862, and immediately entered upon the practice of law. His practice was interrupted when Gen. Stuart, the great Rebel commander, made his raid into this state, our subject raising a company of emergency men, of which he was captain, who did effective service. When a second invasion of this state was threatened by Lee's

army, Mr. Wolverton again went out with the emergency company, which was known as Co. F, 36th Pa. The company was mustered into the service July 4, 1863, and mustered out August 11 of the same year. While in the military service Mr. Wolverton kept in touch with his law business, and on his discharge from the army immediately resumed it, and he has since followed it, to the exclusion of all else, and has built up a very large and lucrative clientage, excepting those periods during which he has given his services to the people.

Political honors have been forced upon Mr. Wolverton, the demand for his services being of such nature as to be imperative. In the fall of 1878 he was elected, as a Democrat, to fill out the unexpired term of State Senator A. H. Dill, Senator Dill having resigned to be a candidate for governor. Twice Mr. Wolverton was re-elected, and he served ten years in the State Senate. He declined a re-nomination in 1888 because he preferred to resume the more active practice of his profession. During his term in the State Senate our subject was prominent in securing the enactment of many of the most important laws. For the ten years he was in the legislature he was a member of the committee on judiciary. He introduced and secured the passage of what is known as the "Married Woman's Act" in 1887. Mr. Wolverton's great popularity with the people of the Twenty-seventh Senatorial District may be estimated by his election to the Senate for three successive terms in a district which had a normal Republican plurality of over 1,000. For two years after his retirement from the State Senate Mr. Wolverton devoted his entire time to his profession. Then he was again compelled to respond to the popular demands of his friends and neighbors, and in 1890 he was elected representa-



tive in Congress from the Seventeenth District, which includes Northumberland, Columbia, Montour and Sullivan Counties. He served in the 52d Congress and in 1892 was re-elected to the 53d Congress. As representative he was an untiring worker in the interest of his district, faithfully and most ably representing those who had so strenuously insisted upon again bestowing upon him political honors. At the expiration of his second term in Congress our subject's legal business had attained such magnitude that he realized he either must abandon law and its practice or give up political position. He decided to abandon politics, except as he might participate in political affairs as a citizen, and to devote his entire time and energy to the practice of his profession.

No better endorsement of the great ability of Mr. Wolverton as a lawyer could be put forward than the statement that he is attorney for a number of very large corporations, including the following: Philadelphia & Reading Railroad; Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; Lehigh Valley Coal Company; Cox Bros. & Company, the largest coal operators in Pennsylvania; the Delaware, Sunbury & Schuylkill Railroad Company, and many other corporations of less magnitude. Our subject was among those prominent in organizing and constructing the Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkesbarre Railroad and the Shamokin, Sunbury & Lewisburg Railroad, of which he was president, and which is now a part of the Reading system. Mr. Wolverton built the Sunbury & Northumberland Electric Railway and is now interested in it. He also is interested in the Sunbury Electric Light & Power Company, the Northumberland Illuminating Company, and other local enterprises which are of a semi-

public and beneficial character as greatly aiding in the development and growth of Sunbury.

On March 23, 1865, Mr. Wolverton was united in marriage with Elizabeth D. Hendricks, daughter of Benjamin Hendricks of Sunbury. They have reared a family of three charming children: Mary G., wife of Biddle Arthurs of Pittsburg, Pa.; Elizabeth K.; and Simon P. Jr., who is a student of law in his father's office.

This review of the interesting and wonderfully successful career of Simon P. Wolverton would be somewhat incomplete without suitable reference to his ancestry. The Wolverton family is of English-Quaker origin. According to well authenticated tradition three brothers emigrated from Wolverhampton, England, about 1700 and settled on Long Island, N. Y. The family was then, as now, one of distinction, and its coat of arms bore the wolf's head. The descendants are scattered over nearly every state in the Union, and many are residents of Canada. Many members of the family have attained prominence in business, political and professional circles. Of the three brothers who originally came to this country Charles Wolverton, the lineal ancestor of the subject of our review, Simon P. Wolverton, in 1714 removed to Hunterdon County, N. J., where the family resided for several generations.

Charles Wolverton, a lineal descendant of the Charles Wolverton who was one of the original immigrants, was the great-grandfather of our subject. He served in the War of the Revolution. He owned a large tract of land in Hunterdon County, N. J., which he granted to his son, Isaac, grandfather of our subject, on February 12, 1816. Isaac Wolverton was born in Hunterdon County, N. J., August 11, 1777, and came with his father

and family to Augusta township, Northumberland County, in 1800, where he died in 1800. His father died in Augusta township, as did the son who died in 1855. Isaac Wolverton was a prosperous and successful farmer. He was a Democrat in politics and served as county commissioner. He was a devout Baptist and filled numerous offices in the church society of which he was a member. He married Lucretia Chamberlain and reared a family of five children,—two sons and three daughters.

Joseph Wolverton, father of our subject, was born in Augusta township, Northumberland County, September 25, 1803, and died in Sunbury in 1883. He spent his lifetime in his native township and in the neighboring township of Rush, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a Baptist. He married Charity, a daughter of William Kase, who was of German descent, and resided in Rush township, where he was a farmer, and also served as a justice of the peace. The family of Joseph and Charity Wolverton consisted of two sons and three daughters.



JAMES G. HEMPSTED, superintendent of the forging department of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company and one of the successful business men of the town of Berwick, is held in high esteem by his employers and by his fellow-workmen. Our subject was born in Perthshire, Scotland, August 24, 1857, and is a son of John and Mary (Gardiner) Hempsted.

John Hempsted was born in Scotland and is one of the successful tillers of the soil in that country. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock to Mary Gardiner, also a native of Scot-

land, and a large family of children was born to them.

Our subject received his intellectual training in the public schools of his native town, and for seven years he served an apprenticeship to the trade of a mechanic. In 1883 he immigrated to the United States and located in Boston, Mass., where he found employment in the Hinkley Locomotive Works for two years; later he was employed as foreman of the forging department of the Cape Ann Anchor Works at Gloucester, Mass. His next move was to Pittsburg, Pa., where he was foreman in the forging department of the Carnegie Lower Union Mills and subsequently foreman in the Pittsburg Locomotive Works at Pittsburg, Pa. In 1893 he removed to Berwick. In 1884 The Jackson & Woodin plant was moved from the Hill and enlarged to its present capacity and is now doing all kinds of railroad forging and blacksmithing. Our subject's department contains ten steam hammers; two Bradley hammers; two drop hammers; about ninety other machines for manufacturing forgings; and thirty-four forges, which require 340 men to operate them. Mr. Hempsted is an excellent mechanic and a thoroughly reliable workman and is held in high esteem for his ability and sterling worth.

Mr. Hempsted was joined in the bonds of matrimony to Marie Evans, a daughter of Capt. James Evans of Cornwall, England. Three children were the result of this union: James E. and John B., twins, born December 10, 1897; and Ellen, born June 25, 1890, died August 12, 1890. He is a member of the Masonic Order and the A. O. U. W. Since Mr. Hempsted has resided in this state he has identified himself with its interests and is considered one of its most valuable citizens. He has done all in his power to assist in the building





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up of his own community, and is considered one of its mainstays.

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VERY REVEREND JOHN JOSEPH KOCH, whose portrait appears on the preceding page, is the beloved pastor of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, the oldest religious organization in Shamokin and the first to build a church in the town. He is a man of sterling character and has for many years been identified with everything which has been for the spiritual and moral advancement of the people with whom he has been so closely associated for over thirty-two years. Father Koch in his priesthood, he has also been father in material ways, and countless families revere him and love him for his fatherly interest and assistance which he has bestowed in times of need, with that unostentatious Christian spirit which marks all his labors and which, with his many manly qualities, has won to him the everlasting love of the Catholics of his parish and the admiration and respect of all citizens of the borough. His high Christian character and the grand work he has accomplished for the people over whom he has charge, stand as fitting and ever-living monuments to his energy, his faithfulness and his untiring labors as priest and as citizen.

Our subject is a son of John and Elizabeth (Francois) Koch. He was born February 5, 1840, in Lorraine, France, part of the Province of Alsace-Lorraine which was ceded by France to Germany in 1871 after the war which ended in the triumphant march of the Germans to Paris. At the age of eight and a half years our subject entered the University of Pont-a-Mousson, from which he was graduated August 5, 1857, at the early age of seventeen years.

He then entered the Seminary at Nancy, having determined to study for the priesthood. He remained in the seminary for about five years, leaving the institution within four months of the time required to complete the requisite course. The cessation of his studies was owing to the fact that because of his youth he could not be ordained a priest for two years, he being two years under the age fixed by the church for ordination in the priesthood. This circumstance rendered it inadvisable for our subject to remain in France and await the time when he might enter the priesthood there. In 1861 this studious and energetic young man, in response to an invitation from Bishop Wood of Philadelphia, came to the United States, priests at that period being comparatively few as compared with the extensive fields in which the work of the church was being energetically prosecuted. After spending two weeks in Paris he sailed for this country, and after a brief stay in New York City joined Bishop Wood in Philadelphia. He was then twenty-two years of age, too young to be ordained unless by special dispensation, the age of ordination to the priesthood being twenty-four years. In order that his services might be utilized and that he might immediately enter upon the duties he had chosen for his life-work, a dispensation was granted by Bishop Wood and our subject was ordained and admitted to the priesthood in February, 1863. He was first installed as an assistant at St. Patrick's Church, Philadelphia. Two months later he was appointed assistant chaplain for the hospitals in the Quaker City, an honor which was bestowed upon him because of his special fitness for the work and his knowledge of Latin, French, German, Italian and English.

Father Koch's abilities as a priest quickly

demonstrated themselves and he was transferred to this section to take charge of important territory. He located in Milton, Northumberland County, December 1, 1863, assuming the charge of the church there and also of the churches and missions in five counties, including one at Cascade, Lycoming County, where there was an Irish settlement numbering seventy families; a German congregation at Danville, where he built a church; at Trevorton, where he took up and zealously pushed to completion a church which was unfinished when the priest died who formerly had been in charge of the congregation; the churches at Sunbury and Lewisburg; and the missions at Herndon, Ralston and Trout Run. For three years our subject made his headquarters at Milton, vigorously performing the multitude of duties incumbent upon him as the shepherd of so many flocks of the faithful in the adjacent country. On September 2, 1866, Father Koch removed to Shamokin, in obedience of orders transferring him to the larger sphere of usefulness and placing upon him the important responsibility of enlarging and perfecting the organization in behalf of his church in the coal region of Northumberland County. He was then appointed the first resident pastor of St. Edward's Church in Shamokin, having charge also of missions at Trevorton, Locust Gap and Mount Carmel.

A brief review of the history of St. Edward's Church is necessary to a clear and satisfactory understanding of the conditions which existed when Father Koch assumed charge of the church and the remarkable energy he displayed and the most satisfactory achievements he accomplished in the years which he has devoted to the church and the Catholics of Shamokin and vicinity. Many Catholics were employed in the construction of the Danville & Pottsville Railroad, and as

early as 1838 Catholic services were held in Shamokin by the priests of Pottsville and Minersville. An acre of land in the west end of the village was secured for a church and cemetery and in 1839 sufficient money had been raised to erect a frame edifice, 20 by 32 feet in dimensions, unplastered and very plain, on the southwest corner of the site. The leaders in this enterprise were Patrick Reilly, master mechanic in the railroad shops, and Matthew Brannigan, and the small church was built by Stephen Bittenbender. It was dedicated as St. Edward's Church, October 11, 1840, by Bishop Kenrick of Philadelphia. These early Catholics of the little village of Shamokin were administered to by priests of Pottsville, Minersville, Danville and Milton, and occasionally by a missionary, and thus their faith was kept fittingly before them and they rejoiced in their worship, though in a most humble and scantily-furnished church. Rev. Michael Sheridan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Danville, had charge of the congregation from 1854 to October, 1857, when he was succeeded by Rev. Edward Murray, who served as pastor for nearly nine years, giving way to the subject of this review in September, 1866.

Upon taking control of the Shamokin parish Father Koch immediately set out to infuse new life into the congregation and to build up the church. Early in his administration of the affairs of the church he bought the site, upon which the present handsome edifice stands, for \$3,400. The old frame building was demolished and a considerably larger edifice built upon the new site which was opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1866. So rapidly did the congregation of St. Edward's increase under the able guidance of Father Koch that in the following spring of 1867 it was necessary to further enlarge the church

that the people might comfortably be accommodated and that none might be deprived of the privilege which they so greatly desired, of attending the services over which our subject presided with graceful dignity and earnestness which are two of his personal charms which have won him respect and love throughout his active and successful career in the priesthood. In the spring of 1869 a parochial residence was erected on a lot adjoining the church at an expenditure of \$8,500. In 1870 were purchased the lands at Springfield which have since been used as a burial place for the members of the Catholic faith.

Constantly the attendance upon the church increased and within a short period of time the congregation had grown so large that a new place of worship was an imperative necessity. Ground was broken in the summer of 1872, the foundations were put in, and in September following Father Koch laid the first stone in the wall of the church which is to-day the pride of the Catholics of Shamokin. The corner-stone was laid with impressive ceremonies May 23, 1873, by Bishop O'Hara of Scranton. A contract had been let for the entire stonework, but the contractor abandoned the work, an act which would utterly have discouraged a less energetic, less persevering man than our subject. Determined that there should be no unnecessary delay, Father Koch for the time acted as his own contractor, and, hiring masons, superintended the construction of the walls until they were ready for the roof, at the same time keeping up with his many pastoral duties. In December, 1873, the roof was on, the tower was built and walks had been laid about the structure. On Christmas morning the first mass was celebrated in the basement of the new church, in which the services were held

until June, 1880, when the church was finished. The edifice is of white cut sandstone, quarried from the mountain side about a mile from Shamokin; its interior is 64 feet wide and 125 feet long, and the tower is 207 feet high. The completion of the building was delayed by the lack of funds, but Father Koch hopefully and energetically kept at work and finally was enabled to see the church finished in reasonable time. In November, 1876, a chime of four large bells was hung in the tower, weighing, with the fittings, 8,500 pounds. The frescoing in the interior was done in four months under the direction of a well-known Philadelphia artist. Over the main altar are paintings representing the Crucifixion, St. Patrick, and the patron of the church, St. Edward, the figures being life-size. In the center of the ceiling a beautiful fresco twenty-two feet in diameter portrays the "Resurrection of Christ" and is surrounded by figures of the four Evangelists, and around the walls are paintings of the twelve Apostles. Especially noticeable are two beautiful pieces of statuary standing on either side of the altar, one representing "Christ meeting His Mother on His way to Calvary," and the other "The Descent of the Cross," both of which were imported from France by Father Koch. The building is lighted with electricity and heated by steam and has a seating capacity of over 1,000 and as many as 1,400 persons have gathered within its walls.

Especial attention has been paid to educational facilities by Father Koch since he assumed charge of St. Edward's Church. In 1874 he organized a parochial school, using the old church as a school building. The school was for the first year of its existence in charge of lay teachers. In 1875 the school was placed under the supervision of four Sisters of Charity from Mount St. Vincent, Md.,



and in 1877 a convent was erected for them. Subsequently a lot was purchased opposite the church and the present parochial school was built, being completed in 1883-84. The school is now conducted by eleven Sisters of Charity and has from 500 to 600 pupils.

The congregation of St. Edward's now numbers about 3,500 souls, and of these 2,650 are communicants. Its Sunday School is very large and the rector takes great pride in it.

For ten years, from 1888 to 1898, Father Koch was vicar-general of the Diocese of Harrisburg. On the death of Bishop McGovern, in 1898, he was appointed administrator of the diocese.

Catholics and Protestants alike unite in bespeaking for Father Koch a long continuance in his worthy and beneficial station and long life which shall be crowned with the rewards which come of well doing, rightly living, and faithful performance of the duties in this life laid upon His servants by Him who ruleth all.



**J**OSEPH M. LILLEY, a member of the firm of Lilley & Smith, proprietors of the Berwick Manufacturing Company, and one of the most reliable and enterprising business men of the town of Berwick, was born at Limeridge, Columbia County, Pa., and is a son of Joseph and Lucinda (Evans) Lilley.

Joseph Lilley, the father of our subject, was born at Black Hole Valley, Lycoming County, Pa., and during his manhood came to Columbia County, where he accepted a position as lock-tender at Limeridge. Later he embarked in the mercantile business, in which he was more than ordinarily successful. He was very prominent in his community and served

his fellow-citizens as justice of the peace for many years. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Lucinda Evans, a daughter of Ephraim Evans, a well-to-do farmer of Columbia County. Five children were the result of this union, namely: William, an Evangelical minister residing in Glenrock, Pa.; Mary, united in wedlock with L. M. Sleppy; Etta, wife of Harry Townsend; James, who is prospecting in the West; and Lizzie, who wedded Dr. A. S. Stoddard. Mr. Lilley died in 1867 at the age of sixty-eight years; his wife passed from this life, aged sixty-nine years.

Our subject possesses a good education, which he acquired in the public schools of his native town. For some time he was station agent and operator at Wyoming; later he worked as an extra at Bloomsburg, Espy, Shickshinny and other places on the D., L. & W. R. R., but in 1872 he was appointed to a regular station and was sent to Berwick, where he remained until 1893, honestly and faithfully discharging the duties to which he had been assigned. In 1896 the Berwick Manufacturing Company was established, and in 1897 our subject and James E. Smith became the proprietors. They erected a large two-story building 30 by 50 feet, with an engine room 15 by 20 feet, on the corner of Ninth and Pine streets, and employ about seventy hands, who are constantly kept busy in the making of men's shirts and ladies' shirtwaists. The proprietors of this establishment are thoroughly acquainted with this line of business, and by their honest methods of dealing have built up a large and paying patronage.

Mr. Lilley was united in marriage to Emily Dietrich, a daughter of Jacob Dietrich, a resident of Berwick, and as a result of this happy union one child was born to them, Harriet W., who is a graduate of the Baltimore Women's College, Neff's College of Oratory at





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Philadelphia, and Mrs. Kirk's Kindergarten School at Philadelphia. She conducted a kindergarten school in Berwick and met with the greatest of success until appointed model instructor of the model department of the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa.

Our subject strongly advocates the principles of the Republican party and has represented his fellow-citizens two terms in the town council. He is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 461, F. & A. M., of Berwick. In 1887 our subject built a neat residence on Second street, which he has since made his home.

**D**R. THEODORE C. HARTER. We have the pleasure to present to our readers the biography of one of Bloomsburg's foremost physicians and surgeons, whose excellent reputation for professional honor and skill has been acquired through a general practice in Bloomsburg, extending from 1880 until the present time. He was born in Nescopeck, Pa., November 10, 1850, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Dietrich) Harter, and a grandson of Martin Harter.

Martin Harter was a farmer who resided near the village of Nescopeck; he was also engaged in hauling produce to the markets of Philadelphia, as that was the only means of transportation, and in return he brought back merchandise. He reared a family of children, one of whom was Jacob, the father of our subject.

Jacob Harter's chief occupation throughout life was farming. He purchased a farm when he grew to manhood and in addition to farming operated a saw-mill and was extensively engaged in the lumber business. Later he learned the brick mason's trade, which he worked at for a short time, when he purchased

a farm in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa. In 1862 Mr. Harter enlisted in Company A, Pa. Vol. Inf., and after serving nine months was wounded in the battle of Yorktown, which rendered him unfit for further duty and finally resulted in his discharge. He was joined in marriage to Margaret Dietrich and they were the parents of the following children: Martin; Jacob; Lucinda; Aaron; John; A. Luther; Theodore C., our subject; and Delilah, Catherine, Nathan and Sarah, all deceased. Mr. Harter died at the age of sixty-four years. The mother of our subject died aged sixty-seven.

Dr. Harter received his primary education in the public schools, which was later supplemented by a course in Dickinson's Academy and the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He then studied medicine under Dr. B. F. Gardner, one of Columbia County's most noted physicians and surgeons, and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., graduating from that institution in 1880. He then settled in Nescopeck, where he practiced a short time, and finally selected Bloomsburg as an eligible field for his future operations. There he has prospered and has become a successful physician and a popular member of the community. Our subject's office is located on the corner of East and Main streets; he makes a specialty of throat, heart and lung diseases, and for several years was jail physician and surgeon for the county. He is also engaged extensively in the real estate business, having built nineteen tenement houses located on Seventh and Eighth streets. He also owns a handsome brick block adjoining his office and residence.

Dr. Harter formed a matrimonial alliance with Martha Alice Snyder, a daughter of Daniel Snyder, who was born in Northampton County, Pa., and was a son of John Sny-

der. Daniel Snyder and his brother were engaged in farming on the old homestead and later Mr. Snyder learned the tanner's trade. In 1810 he removed to Columbia County, where he purchased ten acres of land and engaged in farming; the house in which he lived was an old log cabin and stood where our subject's office is now. He also built a two-story brick building, which was known as the Forks Hotel, on the corner of East and Main streets. He owned several farms in Columbia County, and was one of the progressive men of his community. He was a member of the state legislature several years. He wedded Mary Magdalene Mickley, a daughter of Peter Mickley of Allentown, and a family of ten children was the result of the union, namely: William; Sarah A.; Melvina; Polly; Daniel; Mary B.; Annie; Matilda; Mary; and Martha Alice, the wife of our subject.

Dr. Harter is a member and past master of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 265, of Bloomsburg; of the R. A. M.; I. O. H.; P. O. S. of A.; Sons of Veterans; and Jr. O. of U. A. M., and an ex-member of the K. of M. and I. O. O. F.

It is with pleasure that we present an excellent portrait of Dr. Harter on another page. Dr. Harter's resemblance to Gen. U. S. Grant is remarkable and has quickly been noted wherever he has been, particularly by veterans who served under Grant.

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**J**OHAN MULLEN, head of the firm of John Mullen & Son, manufacturers of engines and machinery, at Shamokin, Pa., is one of the most substantial, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of that city. He is another of the citizens of Northumberland County who have worked their

way up unaided from comparative obscurity. Possessing unbounded energy and being a practical machinist, Mr. Mullen has placed himself in the first rank of the representative men of the county, and is to-day interested in several of the largest and principal industries and corporations of Shamokin.

Our subject was born February 27, 1838, in Port Carbon, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Monguey) Mullen, who came from Ireland to this country in 1831 and settled in Port Carbon. Circumstances made it necessary for our subject to begin to earn a living early in his youth, and at the age of ten years he entered the shops of T. H. Winterstein at Port Carbon and learned his trade as a machinist, remaining in the shop until he was twenty-five years old. During this period young Mullen supplemented his hard work every day by attending night schools and studying at home those things which were of the best advantage to him in preparing himself to be something besides an employee. When he reached the age of twenty-five years he was an expert machinist and mechanical engineer, and the ability which he acquired and which is due to his study and his diligence in mastering details has since been admirably demonstrated in the character of work done by the firms of which he has been a member, and the large business which he has built up. Leaving Mr. Winterstein, Mr. Mullen took an interest in the firm of Robert Allison & Co., general machinists and manufacturers of machinery. Two months after he joined the firm its shops in Port Carbon were destroyed by fire, and our subject lost the hard-earned savings which he had invested. The shops were subsequently rebuilt by Allison & Bannan and Mr. Mullen was installed as foreman, holding the position until 1870, when he removed to Shamokin.

formed a copartnership with David Huffman, and the firm of Mullen & Huffman leased and conducted the Shamokin Iron Works, a business which was started in 1838 by the late S. Bittenbender. In 1876, on the death of Mr. Huffman, his interest was purchased by his copartners and the business continued by Messrs. Mullen and Bittenbender, under the firm name of John Mullen & Co. In 1880 Mr. Bittenbender retired from the firm, Mr. Mullen buying his interest, and the business was continued by Mr. Mullen until 1889, when he admitted his eldest son, Thomas, the firm becoming John Mullen & Son, as it is to-day. The junior member of the firm is a practical master machinist and a man of marked executive ability, energy and sound judgment. The extensive plant of the firm contains the most modern machinery and appliances, and includes a foundry 50 by 80 feet in dimensions, a machine-shop 40 by 100 feet, and a boiler-shop 30 by 50 feet, the whole constituting what is declared to be the finest plant in Northumberland County for the manufacture of high-class engines, boilers, general and special machinery. The firm has built many of the large stationary engines in use at coal mines in Pennsylvania, also many engines for mills and factories; also is the sole manufacturer of Allison's cataract steam pump, having the largest capacity for heavy mine work. This pump is said to be the most perfect in action and ease of any in the world when fitted with the isochronal valve movement. The firm employs upwards of one hundred men in its works.

When the First National Bank of Shamokin was organized, in 1883, Mr. Mullen was one of its charter members, and he has been its president since 1889. He is also treasurer of the Edison Electric Light Co., which office he has held since the organization of the cor-

poration. He was one of the prime movers in forming the company, which was the first company furnishing incandescent electric lights organized outside of New York City. It is notable, too, that the church of which Mr. Mullen is a faithful and active member, St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church of Shamokin, was the first church in the United States to be lighted with the incandescent light. Our subject is vice-president of the Shamokin Gas Co.; a trustee of the Vega Silk Co.; treasurer of the Shamokin Arc Light Co.; president of the Shamokin Coal & Coke Co., which is mining 15,000 tons of coal every month, has 150 coke ovens, producing 1,000 tons of coke per month, has 1,350 acres of coal lands under lease and employs 300 hands; president of the Shamokin Powder Co.; a charter member of the Shamokin Steam Heating Co.; a director in the Shamokin Manufacturing Co.; vice-president of the Shamokin Building & Loan Association; a stockholder in the West Ward Building & Loan Association; and a member of the Home Building & Loan Association.

A veteran of the Rebellion, Mr. Mullen is a leading member of Lincoln Post, G. A. R. He served three months in the 9th Reg., Pa., Vol. Inf. The Post some time ago erected a fine monument in Shamokin commemorating the deeds of the soldiers and sailors and the raising of the fund to erect it, amounting to several thousand dollars, was most energetically and successfully directed by our subject, who was treasurer of the committee which had the matter in charge. Our subject is a Republican and was a member of the borough council in 1884 and 1885.

Miss Mary B. O'Brien, now deceased, of Herkimer County, N. Y., was united to Mr. Mullen in marriage September 3, 1861. Ten children were the fruit of the happy union, as



follows: Thomas J., who is his father's co-partner and mainstay in the business of which our subject is the head; Mary B., who was the wife of Cornelius J. McCarthy of Shenandoah, Pa., and is deceased; William A., superintendent of the Shamokin Powder Co.; and Nellie E., Clara G., Edward F., Charles R., Lettie A.; and Joseph and John, who died in infancy.

**J**AMES MCFARLANE, who is familiar to every family in Sullivan County as one who has done more to promote the public welfare of Laporte and the county at large than any other man, is proprietor of the largest general merchandise store in that borough and is an extensive lumber merchant, owning about 6,000 acres of land, nearly all of which is covered with a rich growth of hemlock timber. He was born in Arbroath, Scotland, and is a son of the Rev. James and Elizabeth (Anderson) McFarlane.

Rev. James McFarlane emigrated from his native land, Scotland, and settled in what was known as the "English Neighborhood" in New Jersey. He was a devout Christian and a faithful minister, and during the remainder of his life preached in the Presbyterian Church. He was joined in wedlock with Elizabeth Anderson, who was born at Ratho, near Edinburgh, Scotland, and their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: James, the subject of this personal history; John, who is engaged in the lumber business in New York City; Kate, who married H. J. Tappan, who also resides in New York City; Elizabeth, deceased; and William, a dry goods merchant in Hoboken, N. J.

James McFarlane, after obtaining a good education in a private school and attaining his majority, became a member of the firm Thorn,

McFarlane & Co., composed of himself, Jonathan and William Thorn, dealers in hides and leather, with headquarters at No. 76 Gold street, New York City. Being men of ambition and energy the firm soon grew to be one of influence and bought many tracts of land in Pennsylvania and erected a number of tanneries, owning at one time as much as 40,000 acres of valuable land. The firm purchased the Laporte tannery, which at the time was a very small concern, at a sheriff's sale and immediately rebuilt it, and subsequently added to it from time to time until at the present day it covers many acres of land and ranks among the foremost tanneries of the state. Much of the land which the firm owned was covered with hemlock forest and our subject moved to Laporte in order to superintend its clearing, and at the same time built many tenement houses. He established the Thorndale tannery, which he operated very successfully for fifteen years, established a small general store, and in all gave employment to several hundred men. In 1893 the firm disposed of its entire estate to the Union Tanning Company, and Mr. McFarlane, who owned a private estate of four hundred acres and a store in Laporte, remained in the latter borough and has since conducted the store and operated the farm, which he improved to such an extent that it is now considered one of the best estates in that vicinity. The store building was a two-story affair, the second floor being used as a Sabbath School room and the first floor as the store, which was operated on a small scale. Upon assuming the management of the latter our subject re-stocked it with a new and complete line of general merchandise, utilizing both floors, and made many improvements. Business increased with great rapidity, and the building has since been enlarged and he now handles almost every article that

may be demanded by his customers, carrying a complete line of dry goods, ready-made clothing, groceries, crockery, hardware, drugs, hats and caps, boots and shoes, oils and paints, and many other useful articles. He built a saw-mill near the railroad station which he operates extensively, as he obtains the timber from his land in Forks township. Mr. McFarlane is a man of public spirit and he has done all within his power to elevate the standing of the town of Laporte. While the tannery was under his superintendence he built the depot at that point, in which he permitted the Roman Catholics to hold services, and also allowed it to be used as a school-house until the new building was built, the latter being erected upon land which he liberally donated. In politics our subject is a stanch Democrat and has served as councilman and superintendent of schools. He has ever performed the obligations of a dutiful citizen and is held in high esteem by a large circle of acquaintances throughout the section.

Mr. McFarlane was joined in hymeneal bonds to Augusta L. Lovett, daughter of John Lovett, a retired merchant of New York City, by whom he is the father of three children: James, Jr., who is associated in business with Austin, Nicholas & Co., of New York City; Ada, who resides at home; and William, whose sad death at the age of twenty years, just prior to the time of his graduation from the Stephens College of Hoboken, resulted from too close confinement to his studies.

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**H**ARRY CLARK WALLIZE, who stands foremost among the business men of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pa., now resides on a fine farm of one hundred and forty-seven

acres and is engaged in huckstering. He is a man of integrity, and is accorded the esteem of all with whom he has been in any way connected. He is a son of Samuel H. and Rebecca (Clark) Wallize, and was born in Lewis township, Northumberland County, July 14, 1844.

John Wallize, the grandfather of our subject on the paternal side, was a native of Berks County, Pa., and was the first of his family to settle in Northumberland County, where he followed his occupation as a farmer. He and his wife Sarah were the parents of the following children: Michael, a carpenter by trade; Samuel; John, a farmer; Noah, a carpenter living in Illinois; Silas; Charles, a stock-dealer residing in Decatur, Ill.; Catherine, the wife of John Speck; Hannah, the wife of Solomon Eshbach; Sarah, the wife of Samuel Watson; Abbie, who married John Grey; Elizabeth, wife of Rev. George Billman; Mary, the wife of Jerry Raker; and Rebecca, who married Joseph Moyers, and resides in Grundy County, Ill.

Samuel Wallize, the father of our subject, was born in Lewis township, March 12, 1812, and learned the trade of a miller in Lycoming County, where he lived for some time. He then went to Jersey Shore, Pa., where for four years he plied his trade as a miller on his own account and then entered upon agricultural pursuits in Derby township, Montour County. Two years later he moved to Liberty township of that county, where he purchased a farm and lived from 1847 to 1855, when he returned to Lewis township, Northumberland County, to care for his parents in their old age and conduct the affairs of the two farms owned by his father. He lived there for a period of twelve years and was a large land owner and prosperous farmer. Shortly after the death of his parents he moved to Watsontown, where

he lived a retired life. In his latter days, however, he lived with his son, John L., in Rush township, and his death occurred January 30, 1892. Throughout his active career he was engaged in droving and huckstering to a certain extent, and in all lines of business met with success. Religiously, he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Rebecca Clark, who was born in Upper Augusta township, November 3, 1811, a daughter of John Clark, a farmer who came from Scotland and located in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland County. Mr. Clark was the father of the following children: Elizabeth, the wife of William Cooner; Mary, the wife of Solomon Starner; William; John; Jonathan; George; Wesley; Samuel; Rebecca, the mother of our subject; and Margaret. Mr. Wallize and his wife reared the following children: Emma, the wife of Martin Gillinger of Rush township; William E., who died young; John L.; Sarah E., the wife of Thomas H. Kissner; Harry C., subject of this sketch; Annie, the wife of William Bly; Silas, a clerk in the railway shops at Grand Rapids, Michigan; and George, a liveryman of Watsonstown, Pa. Mrs. Wallize at the present time resides with a daughter in Watsonstown.

Harry Clark Wallize was reared on the farm and attended the public schools and Warren Institute at Warrenville, Ill., living at home until he was twenty-two years of age, when he located at Huntley Station, McHenry County, Ill. He was employed there as overseer on a dairy-farm at first, but he was subsequently called upon to act in the capacity of superintendent, continuing for a period of one and one-half years. He then returned home and counted lumber in a saw-mill for a like period, after which he lived with his brother in Rush township for three years. In 1871 he was married and then engaged in

farming in Upper Augusta township, near his present home, for a period of six years, but later conducted a store in East Buffalo Valley, Union County, Pa., for two years. He then sold out and returned to Upper Augusta township, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick and operated a flagstone quarry. After a period of three years spent at that business he bought his present farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres, known as the old H. G. Kline homestead, and has since lived there. He rents a major portion of the land, but carries on market gardening himself, making on an average of three trips a week to Shamokin to dispose of his produce. He has also dealt in fertilizers for some years, and his success has been great in whatsoever line of business he has undertaken, owing to his natural industry and general business capacity.

On March 16, 1871, Mr. Wallize was joined in hymeneal bonds with Elizabeth C. Kline, a daughter of Harmon G. and Mary Kline of Upper Augusta township. Her father was a farmer and a school teacher and is now living in retirement in Sunbury. This union resulted in the birth of two children, namely: Arthur B., a promising young man who is now in attendance at Easton College; and Bertha Estella, who died at the age of five years. Politically our subject has always been an unswerving supporter of the Republican party, and has at various times been called into public office. He served as auditor of the township at the time East Sunbury was taken from the township; school director for six years, and was secretary of the board during the entire period. At the present time he is a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, operating in Upper and Lower Augusta, Rockefeller and Mahanoy townships. In religious attachments he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is very act-

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ive in its workings. He is a class-leader in the Sunday School and is now acting as superintendent of that body. He is also an active worker of the Epworth League. He is a prominent member of the Farmers' Alliance.

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**H**ON. GRANT HERRING, who has attained much prominence as a practitioner of law and in politics in the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., was formerly collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth District of Pennsylvania and recently served as president law judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District. He represented the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District in the State Senate for a term of four years. He is a son of George A. and Mary A. (Hess) Herring, and was born at Centerville, now known as Limeridge, Columbia County, May 19, 1862.

The Herrings were originally a family of German peasants, and Christopher Herring, his wife, and their eight children were brought to this country prior to the Revolutionary War as "redemptioners," their services being sold to pay their passage. Of these children two were killed in the battle of Brandywine and another, Ludwick, who was the great-grandfather of our subject, settled in Orangeville, Columbia County, Pa., in 1800. He was a teamster and was engaged in hauling produce and goods from Orangeville and Pottsville to Reading before the introduction of the railroad system in that section.

John Herring, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Orangeville, Pa., in 1808 and there resided throughout his active life. He was a carpenter by occupation and for twenty years was foreman of carpentering on the Pennsylvania Canal, between Nanticoke and

Sunbury. Politically he was a Jacksonian Democrat, casting his first vote for Jackson, and adhered to the Democratic party until his demise. For ten years he was justice of the peace at Orangeville. He moved to Bloomsburg in 1889 and during the following years lived in retirement, dying in 1893. He married Rebecca Snyder, a sister of the late Sheriff John Snyder of Orangeville, and they had eight children, six sons and two daughters.

George A. Herring, the father of our subject, was born in Orangeville, December 24, 1833, and obtained his education in the academy at that place. At the age of twenty years he moved to Bloomsburg and learned the trade of a molder, which he followed for a period of four years in Bloomsburg, Ill., and in Michigan. He then returned home and engaged in carpentering with his father, building canalboats at Limeridge, Columbia County. He continued carpenter work and boat building until 1864, when he purchased a colliery, now known as No. 3, at Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, Pa., in connection with J. W. Williams, Esq., operating it for a few years under the firm name of Williams & Herring. He then met with a serious accident which nearly resulted in his death and which terminated his connection with the mine. He disposed of his interest and engaged in merchandising in Shenandoah up to the year 1876, when he sold out. During this period he was elected treasurer of Schuylkill County, serving from 1870 to 1873. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Shenandoah Water Company; also a director of the Shenandoah Valley Bank. In 1876, owing to poor health, he sold his store and moved to Bloomsburg, purchasing a farm two miles from there and also renting a tannery, which he operated until 1882. He then disposed of the tannery, but has since owned the farm. From 1881 to 1887

he served as deputy treasurer of Columbia County and for the following three years as treasurer. In 1894 he was made deputy collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth District of Pennsylvania, with office at Scranton, under his son Grant, and he has since held that office. Politically Mr. Herring is a firm supporter of Democratic principles and has frequently served as delegate to state conventions from Columbia and Schuylkill Counties. He was a delegate to the convention which nominated Pattison for governor, and the delegation from Columbia County, being the last to cast its vote, had the distinction of naming the Democratic candidate, as the vote was very close. Mr. Herring married Mary A. Hess, who died in 1893 at the age of fifty-seven years, and they became the parents of three children: Grant, the subject of this biographical record; Ida, who resides with her father at Bloomsburg; and John, who died in March, 1890, at the age of twenty-two years. The latter was graduated from Lafayette College in June, 1889, and during his Junior year in college he received three honors in oratorical contests. Upon leaving school he began the study of law with our subject and continued it until his death.

Grant Herring attended the common schools of Shenandoah until 1876, when he entered the Bloomsburg State Normal School to prepare for college, remaining there until 1879. He then took a classical course in Lafayette College, graduating therefrom in June, 1883. He is an excellent speaker and a fluent writer, and in his Junior year took first honors in the oratorical contest. In September, 1883, he began the study of law with E. R. Ikeler, Esq., afterwards president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, being the immediate predecessor of our subject in that office at Bloomsburg, being ad-

mitted to the bar in February, 1885. He formed a partnership with Mr. Ikeler on the same day under the firm name Ikeler & Herring, and they continued together for four years, until Mr. Herring was elected to the bench. He has since practiced alone, and has admission to the County, United States, State and District Supreme Courts. He had a good corporation practice, being solicitor for the Farmers' National Bank, attorney for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, for The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of Berwick, and a number of other prominent firms. He possesses essentially a legal mind and is indefatigable in the prosecution of cases which he undertakes, and has met with unusual success. Politically he has been quite active in the affairs of the Democratic party, and represented the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District of Pennsylvania in the State Senate from 1890 to 1894, being in the extra session called by Gov. Pattison in 1893 for the investigation of state officers. He was delegate-at-large from Pennsylvania to the Democratic National Convention in 1892 which chose Cleveland as the party candidate, and was also a delegate from his district in 1896 to the Chicago Convention. He was appointed collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth District of Pennsylvania, assuming the duties of office on February 3, 1894. He was appointed judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District August 12, 1898, but was not a candidate for election at the polls in November. He resumed the practice of his profession in January, 1899.

On September 4, 1885, Mr. Herring was united in marriage to Emma Jones of Bloomsburg, and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Donald, born September 25, 1886, who attends the Bloomsburg High School; Laura, born December 24, 1887;



and Mildred, born September 24, 1893. Our subject is a man of strong personality and has a large following in Eastern Pennsylvania, and it is with pleasure that we announce that his portrait is presented on another page of this work.

**D**UVAL DICKSON, station agent of the D., L. & W. R. R., also agent for the United States Express Company at Berwick, one of the popular and energetic business men of that town, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., and is a son of Rev. James and Jeanette (Duval) Dickson, grandson of Archibald and Elizabeth (Waite) Dickson, and great-grandson of Archibald Dickson.

Archibald Dickson, Sr., was a native of Kelso, Roxburyshire, Scotland, and during his boyhood learned the trade of a shoemaker, and, attaining manhood, engaged in the shoe business, following that line of business the rest of his active days. He was the father of four children, namely: Robert; Jane; Elizabeth; and Archibald. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson each lived to the age of seventy years.

Archibald Dickson, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Kelso, Roxburyshire, Scotland, and from his father he learned the trade of a shoemaker and conducted a shoe store all his life. He was joined in marriage to Elizabeth Waite, also a native of Kelso, and to their union the following children were born: James, the father of our subject; Margaret; Robert; Jessie; John; and three who died in infancy. Mr. Dickson died at the age of fifty years.

James Dickson, the father of our subject, received his intellectual training in the Normal School at Glasgow, Scotland, and in 1843

went to the West Indies, where he was engaged in missionary work for ten years. In 1853 Mr. Dickson immigrated to the United States, and located in Philadelphia, and, having prepared himself for the ministry in the meantime, he was ordained to preach on September 13, 1854, in the Fourth Presbyterian Church of that city. While in that city he served as secretary for Albert Burns for several months. Since that time he has preached in the following churches: at Camden, N. J., in 1854; Rausch Gap and Gold Mine, Pa., in 1854-55; Birmingham, Pa., in 1854; Mt. Pleasant, Pa., in 1859; Northumberland, from 1860 to '67; Berwick, Pa., from 1868 to '79; McIntyre, Pa., 1880; Penndale, Sack's Run and Baden, from 1881 to '89; Dayas Mines, in 1890; and did missionary work to 1892. Thus he has spent thirty-eight years and six months in the pulpit, and his salary has been continued at the same rate for the remainder of his lifetime. He is now living in retirement in the town of Berwick, Columbia County. Mr. Dickson has been twice married. He was united to his first wife, Mary Carlisle, a daughter of Warren Carlisle of Brownville, Pa., June 9, 1844, and the following children were born to them: Elizabeth Agnes, born June 29, 1847; Mary Carlisle, born February 1, 1849, who is the wife of C. N. Farrer; Agnes D., born July 8, 1850; Warrand C., born January 7, 1852; and James Irving, born January 1, 1853, and died young. Rev. Mr. Dickson's wife died at the age of twenty-six years, and he subsequently married Jeanette Duval, a daughter of Michael and Eleanor (Hatfield) Duval, both natives of Normandy, France. Michael Duval served under Napoleon the First; he came to the United States and located in Dauphin County, Pa., where he spent the rest of his life, passing away at the age of sixty-six years. His wife died aged seventy

years. They were the parents of three children, namely: William E.; Jeanette; and Enoch S. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson reared the following children: William Sterling, born August 18, 1858, is paymaster at The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company and married Lillie Baucher, who bore him two children, Conway and David. William S. formed a second marriage with Martha Helenrich. Alexander Whilden, born December 12, 1859, is a commercial traveler, and married Sally Freece, now deceased, and five children blessed their union, namely: Edna J.; James H.; Freece; Pauline; and Alexander W. Conway, born December 20, 1862, is a preacher in the Methodist Church at Marysville, Pa. James, born October 7, 1865, wedded Annie B. Low, who bore him one child, Myron Low. Archibald, born March 19, 1867, is a stenographer and had charge of the Columbia Business College for five years.

Duval Dickson, the subject of this personal history, began business life as a foreman in the lumber yards of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company and remained in the company's employ for three years. In 1885 he began learning telegraphy and was soon appointed operator on the D., L. & W. R. R., and was given charge of the station at Berwick, a position he still holds to the satisfaction of the public, as well as to his superiors. He is also engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business, and is United States Express agent. He is popular and is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens, who know him to be an honest, straightforward business man. Our subject also owns a farm of eighty-five acres located at the foot of Berwick Heights, which is known as the old S. E. Smith property. He has made many improvements and spends many of his leisure hours working upon the farm.

Mr. Dickson was wedded to Amelia Long, a daughter of C. C. Long of Danville, Pa., and one child has blessed their home: Clark L., born July 20, 1892. Our subject is a member of the Methodist Church; and is also a member of the Knights of Malta.

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REV. DANIEL THOMAS HUCKELL, deceased, who throughout his entire life resided on the old Huckell homestead near the town of Forksville, in Sullivan County, was a minister of the Gospel and held charges in Forksville and vicinity for many years. He was a true Christian in every respect and his life was an exemplary one. He lived for others and his many kind acts and charitable deeds will long be recalled by those who knew and loved him.

Rev. Mr. Huckell was born on the home farm in Forks township, Sullivan County, Pa., June 25, 1833, and was a son of John and Ellen (Little) Huckell, and a grandson of Thomas Huckell. The latter was a native of England, who came to America, where we first find him located in Northumberland County, Pa. He there became acquainted with Dr. Priestly, a land agent, and also a native of England, and of him he purchased for one dollar per acre a tract of 300 acres of land in Forks township, Sullivan County. Prior to coming to this country his vocation was that of a merchant and he intended following that line of business here, bringing with him many things which he found to be utterly useless in the wilderness in which he made his home. In that section there were no roads and only the Indian trails along the creeks afforded passage to civilization. He chose a tract of well covered timberland and also flatland, on which he built his first house, a rude



affair of logs and in the rear of where the beautiful home now stands. Ably assisted by his wife and children, he cleared a good farm, and there they lived happily, although they had few neighbors within a radius of many miles. This hardy pioneer lived to reach the age of seventy years before passing into the realms of the unknown. He married Sarah Ann Lambert, a native of England, who died at the age of seventy-seven years, and their children were: Benjamin, who died in Eng'and; Sarah, the wife of G. Lyon; William; Ann, the wife of J. Ball; Catherine, the wife of Thomas Raper; John; Mary, wife of J. Rogers; and Harriet, who married William Bowen.

John Huckell, the father of our subject, was born in England and came to this country with his parents. He assisted his father on the farm and upon his father's death succeeded to the ownership thereof, residing upon it until his death. He was past seventy years of age when he died and his wife was near eighty. His wife's maiden name was Ellen Little, and four children blessed their union: Benjamin, who died young; Sarah Ann, the wife of J. L. Snyder; Daniel T., the subject of this biographical record; and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Molyneux.

Daniel Thomas Huckell was reared on the family homestead and obtained a good education in the district schools, as he was a boy of more than ordinary diligence and always displayed great fondness for reading and study. He determined to enter the ministry and teach his fellowmen the word of God and thereby aid them in their various walks of life, and as a result of this resolve he directed his studies toward that end. His father, however, persuaded him to remain at home and assist him for a time and this he did, but in 1882 he entered upon his first charge and officiated in

the pulpit until his demise. His pastoral work was principally in Forksville and vicinity, and he worked faithfully in the interest of the church and for the cause of Christianity. He continued as proprietor of the homestead and sold fifty acres which were laid out in town lots, on which many fine buildings now stand. In 1885 he erected one of the handsomest residences in Forks township and improved the grounds, setting out fine shrubs and trees, and doing what he could to add to the general appearance of the place. Rev. Mr. Huckell was fond of good horses and always drove spirited animals. At one time he was drawing wood with a fine span of blacks and upon unloading he stood at the front end of the wagon. The horses, taking fright at something, started up, and he became tangled in the whiffle-tree and was thrown into the air, alighting on his back and side. Upon examination it was found that three ribs had been broken and his death finally resulted, November 7, 1896. His death was greatly mourned, not only by his loving wife and children, but by a large circle of acquaintances throughout Sullivan County.

September 23, 1870, Rev. Mr. Huckell was united in marriage with Mrs. Catherine M. Fleming, nee Osler, and they had one child, Sarah Ann, a teacher and student of Lockhaven State Normal School. For more than thirty years he served in an official capacity as justice of the peace and was also a member of the State Board of Agricultural Commissioners.

Mrs. Huckell is a daughter of John H. and Jane (Myers) Osler, and was born in Sullivan County. John H. Osler was reared in Sullivan County, where his mother settled after forming a second union with a Mr. Bryan, her first husband having been killed in the War of 1812. After reaching manhood he engaged

in the woolen manufacturing business for a period of thirty-five years in Elkland township. There he died at the age of eighty-four years and his wife at the age of seventy-nine. Their children were as follows: Jeremiah of Elkland township; Sarah Jane, deceased; Catherine M., the widow of our subject; John S. of Elkland township; Clay M. of Forks township; Lydia; David W. of Lycoming County; Henry W., who died young; and Edwin R. of Galestown, Md. Catherine M. Osler formed a matrimonial alliance with Daniel Fleming, who was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Elkland township. In the Civil War he enlisted in Co. D of the heavy artillery, and was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, June 17, 1864, and his death resulted on June 20th, three days later. This union resulted in the birth of one son, John R. Fleming, a prosperous woolen manufacturer of Forksville, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies. Mrs. Huckell is now living in the home built by her husband and is surrounded by scores of friends, in whose midst she has lived these many years, who hold her in high esteem for her many excellent traits of character. She was a worthy helpmeet in the good works accomplished by her husband, being of a sympathetic and charitable nature, and she can never stand by and see others in distress without doing her utmost to relieve them.

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**J**OHAN G. KIMBLE. This expert miller has been successfully engaged in that occupation more or less all his life, and is now senior member of the firm of Kimble & Jones, manufacturers of White Rose flour and buckwheat flour, corn-meal, etc. He was born in Loyalsock township, Lycoming

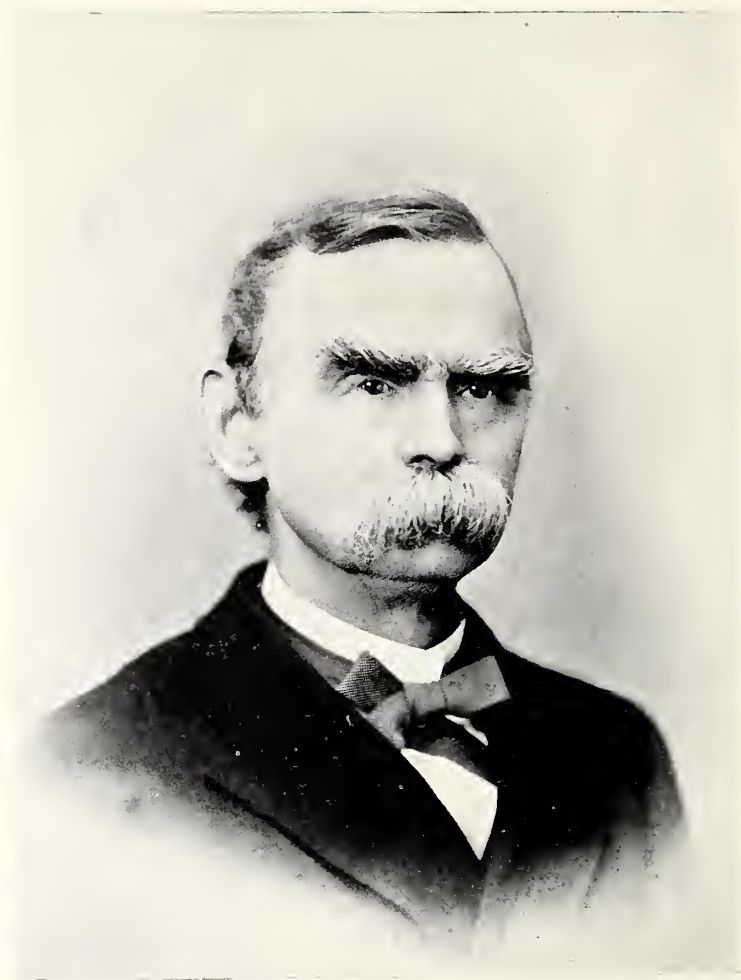
County, Pa., six miles above the village of Montoursville, October 7, 1845, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (McClarín) Kimble.

Peter Kimble, grandfather of our subject, was a native of New Jersey and was of German descent. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and after independence had been gained he moved to Lycoming County, Pa., where he followed his trade as a blacksmith. He passed from this life at his home in Fairfield in 1845, at the advanced age of ninety-six years.

Jacob Kimble, our subject's father, was born in Lycoming County, Pa., in 1806. He attended the district school a short time and spent the major part of his leisure hours working in the blacksmith-shop owned by his father and soon became quite proficient in that trade. Attaining his majority, Peter moved to Loyalsock, where he pursued the occupation of a blacksmith for thirty-five years. In 1857 he purchased a mill in Columbia County, Pa., located two miles above Benton, on West Creek, now the property of our subject. He successfully operated that mill until 1869, when he returned to his native county and settled in Hughesville, where he spent his remaining days in retirement. His death occurred in 1884. Religiously he was a member of the Christian Church. He was united in marriage to Mary McClarin, by whom he reared four sons and three daughters, namely: Lucinda, wife of Samuel Wilson of Clinton, Ill.; Peter F., a merchant residing at Springfield, Ill.; Smith W., a well-known inventor residing in New York City; Asher, a miller by trade, who died in 1864; Jennie, a resident of Hughesville, Pa.; Annie, wife of Ira J. Thomas, proprietor of the old Kimble mills in Benton township; and John G., our subject.

John G. Kimble was educated in the public





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schools of Benton township and then worked with his father, learning the miller's trade, at the West Creek Mill. He remained in the employ of his father until 1876, when he moved to Springfield, Ill.; there he continued his former occupation for three years and then went to Mechanicsburg in the same county and engaged in the milling business four years. After spending eight years in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, where he followed his trade, he returned to Mechanicsburg, Ill., and followed milling two years. In 1894 our subject returned to Columbia County and in partnership with his brother-in-law, Ira J. Thomas, he purchased the Jonestown Mills. Mr. Thomas sold his interest in this property, and on January 1, 1899, Mr. A. W. Jones was admitted into partnership with our subject and they are operating under the firm name of Kimble & Jones. The mill is a four-story frame building, 40 by 50 feet, is operated by water-power, and has a capacity of 100 barrels per day. The firm's favorite flour is the White Rose, which is made from select winter wheat, and commands a ready sale in the market.

In the spring of 1898 our subject and J. W. Mathews purchased, under the firm name of Kimble & Mathews, the Benton Flouring Mills, which they propose to remodel and equip with the latest and most improved machinery. This mill is also operated by water-power.

Mr. Kimble chose for his life companion Stella Jones, a daughter of James N. Jones, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the section, and they were united in marriage December 29, 1869. Two children have blessed their home, namely: Lawrence, a miller by trade, residing at Amboy, Minnesota; and Clinton, a miller, living at home. Mr. Kimble casts his vote in support of the Democratic party.

**H**ON. THOMAS CHALFANT, the present popular postmaster of Danville, Pa., and one of the honored and influential citizens of Montour County, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was born in the city of Philadelphia in 1819. Our subject traces his ancestral history back to Robert Chalfant, a member of the Society of Friends, who, with William Penn, emigrated from Stoke Pogis, England, to America and settled on land at Doe Run, Chester County, Pa., which is still in the family name. He is also a descendant of John Peden on the maternal side, a Scotch-Irish Covenanter, who immigrated to the American Continent and settled in Pennsylvania in 1732. He was one of the founders of the Covenanters Church in Philadelphia, which is located on Spruce street.

Hon. Thomas Chalfant was reared and educated in the city of Philadelphia, and when a young man he learned the trade of a carpenter and patternmaker, which occupation he followed in his native city until 1840. He then moved to Danville, Pa., and in 1847 went South and located in the state of Georgia, where he assisted in the erection of a number of sugar and cotton mills. Returning to his native state he became a resident of Danville, where, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Dr. Isaac Hughes, he opened and conducted a drug-store for many years, meeting with the greatest of success. On October 1, 1853, our subject was commissioned postmaster of Danville and held that position until July 15, 1861, when he took charge of the Danville Intelligencer, one of the leading papers of Montour County. June 28, 1863, he enlisted in the Union Army for a term of three months and was commissioned as captain of Co. D, 53rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., October 6, 1866. Mr. Chalfant was elected a member of the



State Legislature as a representative of Columbia and Montour Counties, and was re-elected to the same office in the following year. During his latter term he was largely instrumental in passing the bill appointing commissioners to select a site for the erection of a state hospital for the insane, and the selection of a site in Danville was also due to the efforts of our subject. In 1872 Mr. Chalfant was again honored with a seat in the State Senate, representing Columbia, Montour, Lycoming and Sullivan Counties. In 1883 he was appointed one of the trustees of the Danville State Hospital, which position he still retains. Mr. Chalfant was elected president of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association in 1881; and in 1885 he was appointed postmaster of Danville under Cleveland's administration, and has held that position to the present time, filling it with great credit to himself and entire satisfaction of the citizens of Danville.

In 1842 Mr. Chalfant married Eliza Hughes, a daughter of Ellis Hughes of Danville, and two sons and two daughters blessed this union, of whom none survive but Charles, ex-publisher of the Danville Daily Sun, and now a prominent attorney of Danville. In politics our subject is strongly Democratic and endorses the views of his party conscientiously. Mr. Chalfant is one of the representative men in this section of the state and his opinions are sought and valued as those of a man of deliberate and temperate judgment and intelligent thought.

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**CAPT. JAMES BOYD ROBISON**, who served with great credit as a captain in the Union Army during the Civil War, is a man who has attained particular

prominence as an attorney-at-law in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa. He resides in a handsome home at Espy, but every day finds him in his office in Bloomsburg looking after his extensive practice. He was born in Bloomsburg, January 3, 1838, and is a son of William and Betsey (Barton) Robison.

His great-grandfather was William Robison, who was born in the North of Ireland and was of Scotch-Irish parentage. He was unmarried when he came to America, but subsequently was joined in wedlock with Martha Huston, a native of this country. They resided in the beginning of the last century in the Juniata region, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits the remainder of his life. In religious attachments he was a strict believer in the Presbyterian faith. He was the progenitor of the following children: James; Hugh; John; Alexander; David; William; Joseph; Margaret; Agnes; Elizabeth; Jane; and Rebecca.

Alexander Robison, grandfather of our subject, also took to agricultural pursuits at McVeytown, Pa., where he was born and lived all his life. He married Elizabeth McKee and among the children who blessed that union was William, the father of our subject.

William Robison was born in McVeytown, Pa., January 19, 1789, and was reared upon his father's farm, obtaining his intellectual education in the district schools. In 1810 he located near Orangeville, Columbia County, where he opened and conducted a general store for four or five years, and then moved to Bloomsburg with his brother John. They operated a tannery at the corner of Third street and Miller's alley with much success until 1826. In connection with the tannery they built the stone house, corner of Third street and Miller's alley. It was first occupied by William and his wife on their marriage.

January 30, 1816, and is now the oldest house in town. In 1822 William Robison was appointed sheriff of Columbia County, serving in that capacity for a short time. From 1826 to 1840 he conducted a first-class hotel at the corner of Second and Center streets, where Moyer's drugstore is now located. During this period he was also extensively engaged in staging,—providing the only transportation from Bloomsburg to many points, and he did a very large business. In 1840 he rented his hotel and became interested in farming, purchasing a large farm in Hemlock township, which is now owned by J. Trout, Esq., and continuing there until 1846, when he again returned to Bloomsburg and carried on a mercantile business in the hotel building for eight years. Being past sixty-six years of age, in 1855 he retired from active life and lived happily until his demise, in 1866. Politically he was originally a Democrat and then a Clay Whig, but later became a Republican, remaining so the rest of his life. He owned one-third of the lot on which the court-house stands and presented it to the county. In religious views he was a Presbyterian. Socially, he was a member of the Masonic fraternity. January 30, 1816, he married Betsey Barton, who was born in Bloomsburg, January 30, 1799, and was a daughter of Elisha Barton, one of the early prominent men of Bloomsburg, and this union resulted in the following issue: Alexander, deceased, who married Mary E. Thompson; Jane McKee, wife of Lynd Eliott; Anna Maria, wife of Ariovistus Pardee; Martha Elizabeth, who married Andrew M. Rupert; Harriet, wife of Charles E. Frazer; Ellen Boone, wife of Dr. William B. Hawkins; Emily A., wife of George B. Markle; Isabelle, wife of Nathaniel L. Campbell; William Barton, who died at the age of four years; Mary Augusta, deceased; James Boyd, the subject

of this biographical record; Isaiah B., a soldier in the Civil War who gave up his life for the cause of his country at the battle of Peach Tree Creek in 1864; and Hannah Amelia, wife of Fred E. Barber.

James Boyd Robison attended the public schools and the Bloomsburg Academy and applied himself with such diligence that he was considered qualified to teach and received an appointment in Mifflin township, Columbia County, January 10, 1854, just one week after his sixteenth birthday. On August 19, of that year, he was awarded the first permanent certificate issued by Carbon County. He taught at Summit Hill for seven months and then served for two months on a corps of engineers who laid out the Yeddo Branch of the Hazleton Railroad. In 1855 he entered Lafayette College at Easton, Pa., from which he received the degree of A. M. in 1867, but in 1857 he went to Washington, D. C., where he was engaged in writing patents for the land office for five months. He held a position as bookkeeper at Mauch Chunk, Carbon County, for three months, when he went to Illinois, where he engaged in teaching school and selling books from 1858 to 1859. In August, 1859, he began to prepare himself for the legal profession, entering the office of Jason T. Giebner, a well-known lawyer of Mercer, Mercer County, Pa., in the meantime making enough as a clerk in the sheriff's office to support himself. When the first shot, which startled the world, was fired at Fort Sumter in 1861, opening the real hostilities between the Union Army and the Secessionists, our subject was one of the first to offer his aid to his country. On the day after receiving intelligence of the first encounter he drew up an enlistment paper and headed it with his own name. This was the first enlistment in Mercer County. The company was soon organ-

ized and was at first known as the Mercer Rifles, but was mustered in June 17, 1861, as Company G, 10th Regt. Pa. Vol. Reserves, under Capt. A. J. Warner, for a period of three years. Mr. Robison was a sergeant of the company and remained in the service until he received a severe wound in the left hand at the second battle of Bull Run, when he was sent to the hospital, receiving his discharge December 18, 1862. In June of the year following he was elected captain of Company H, of the 35th Regiment, at Harrisburg, Pa., with which he served until August, 1863, when he returned home and thence to Mercer and resumed his studies, being admitted to the bar in November, 1863. During the following winter he taught school at Sandy Lake, Mercer County. On June 1, 1864, he went to Washington, D. C., as a clerk under Capt. J. T. Giebner in the commissary department, who was assigned to the 19th Army Corps under Gen. Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. It was his misfortune to be captured by the Rebels on September 26, and on October 17 he was cast into Libby Prison, where the Union men received the treatment commonly accorded Union prisoners of war. On February 17, 1865, he secured his release and returned to Mercer, Pa., where he shortly after was elected district attorney. Serving only a short time, he resigned and moved to St. Louis, Mo., at the beginning of the year, and with two others engaged in the real estate business until 1867. Owing to the weakness of the leading member of the firm in the use of liquor, the business was not a success and had to be abandoned. Removing to Bloomsburg he entered upon the practice of law and was subsequently appointed United States Commissioner. From 1872 to 1875 he served as notary public, and for several years as corporation counsel. The greater part of his life he

has been a Republican, and in 1870 he was the party nominee for the State Legislature. In 1880 he was nominated by the Greenback party for Congress, receiving a larger vote than any other on his ticket, but, of course, was defeated. In 1896 he took sides with the Democracy, on the silver issue. In 1881 he purchased a farm near Bloomsburg and conducted it until 1885; he purchased a fine residence in Espy in 1893 and now resides there, but his office and place of business is in Bloomsburg. Capt. Robison is widely known throughout his section as a man of great worth and integrity, and there are none but what hold him in the highest esteem and accord him their confidence.

On October 16, 1873, he was joined in Hymen's bonds with Mary Jane Breece, a daughter of Daniel Breece, and the following children bless their home; Martha Elizabeth, a teacher, a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School; James Boyd, a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, now in Illinois; Bessie Mary, a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, resides at home; Isaiah Barton, died in infancy; William Daniel, now attending school; Jennie Breece; Emily; Andrew Horace; and Irving Alexander, all attending school. Socially our subject is a member of the following orders: Odd Fellows; Patrons of Husbandry; Grand Army of the Republic; and of Masonic bodies, being a Knight Templar and a member in the Thirty-second Degree, Scottish Rite.

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**CAPT. JOHN M. BUCKALEW**, a progressive business man of Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, has been extensively engaged in the lumber business for many years and was a captain in the



Civil War. He is a son of John M. and Martha (Funston) Buckalew, and was born near his present homestead October 17, 1826.

The Buckalew family originated in Scotland, but many centuries ago removed to France, the native land of Francis Buckalew, who immigrated to Long Island, N. Y., while it was still a Dutch province. Later Francis moved to South Amboy, Middlesex County, N. J., where he became a landowner and resided the remainder of his days. He was a large man, of powerful strength, which has ever been a characteristic of the family, our subject being six feet tall and weighing considerably over two hundred pounds. This sturdy old pioneer lived to reach the remarkable age of 110 years before overtaken by the Silent Reaper some time between 1752 and 1755. Samuel Buckalew, his son and the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in South Amboy, N. J., in 1698, where he lived all his life, dying August 4, 1796, at the ripe old age of ninety-six years. He was the progenitor of a family of five children, three daughters and two sons, one of whom was John, the grandfather of our subject.

John Buckalew was born in Middlesex County, N. J., in 1743, and at an early age was united in matrimonial bonds to Mary MacKinney, a daughter of Mordecai MacKinney of Hunterdon County, N. J., and a sister of Capt. John MacKinney, who made an enviable record in the service during the Revolutionary War. He had a command in the 9th Regiment of Pennsylvania in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, but subsequently was transferred to the 3d Regiment, and later to the 5th. He was at the surrender of Cornwallis and accompanied Gen. Wayne on his southern campaign. He served with distinction throughout the entire war, after which he moved to Kentucky, where he re-

sided until his death. About the year 1775, John Buckalew, with his wife's father, moved to Muncy, Lycoming County, Pa., where they purchased a tract of 300 acres of land and engaged in its cultivation. He was associated with Capt. Brady in the war on the borders during the Revolution, and was a member of the first Committee of Safety in 1776, at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. He was a member of the militia and took his turn in scouting duty, as his brother-in-law was away fighting and it fell to his lot to remain at home for the protection of the two families. After the war had been in progress for some time Indian depredations became so frequent in their neighborhood that the families sought safety in other localities. Mr. MacKinney moved to Harrisburg, Pa., but Mr. Buckalew moved to Harford County, Md., where he engaged in the milling business, which was his trade formerly. He took a contract from the Continental Congress and there still remains an unpaid bill for from £700 to £800. After the close of the war and in the latter part of 1785 John Buckalew settled on the Chillisquaque Creek, in Northumberland County, where he remained until 1796, when he moved to Little Fishing Creek and erected a gristmill a short distance below Ives Grove. He remained there until 1816, when he decided to move to a smaller farm on Huntington Creek, Fishing Creek township, as he was growing old and was in need of a rest and his children were nearly all married and had left home. As a result he purchased a farm adjoining the one upon which our subject now resides and lived there until his death in 1833, at the age of ninety-one years. His family consisted of the following children: Sarah, who married William Collins of Chester County, Pa., and moved to the Mississippi Valley in Illinois, where she died in 1843;

Nancy, deceased; Rachel, who married Samuel Earl of Huntington, Luzerne County; Rebecca, whose first husband was Daniel Woodward, and who also married Rev. Ephas Wadsworth, a descendant of Capt. Wadsworth of Charter Oak fame; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Ogden and resided in Luzerne County, Pa.; Amos, who was a lumberman and died in Middletown, Pa., at a comparatively early age; John M., the father of our subject; and James, from whom Russell C. Buckalew of Bloomsburg, whose sketch also appears in this Book of Biographies, is descended.

John M. Buckalew, father of our subject, was born on Chillisquaque Creek, December 17, 1786, and early in life learned the trade of a millwright, which he followed all of his life. He was also engaged extensively in lumbering and farming and was decidedly successful in all of his business ventures. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Martha Funston, who was born near Bethlehem, Pa., in 1789, and died in Luzerne County, January 1, 1840, and their happy union was blessed by the birth of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: William, who was born November 11, 1816, and died September 6, 1864, was a millwright by trade, also a surveyor, and resided in Fishing Creek township, Columbia County; Perry, a farmer of Fishing Creek township, born January 30, 1820, and died January 4, 1888; Charles R., who was born December 28, 1821, attained distinction as an attorney-at-law in Bloomsburg and was elected to the United States Senate; Mahala, who was born September 17, 1823, married Benjamin C. Hess, and resides in Fishing Creek; and Capt. John M., the gentleman whose name heads these lines.

Capt. John M. Buckalew attended the public schools of his native town and after attain-

ing manhood engaged in the lumbering business, which he has always followed, with the exception of the time spent in the army during the Civil War. He was captain of Company A, 178th Pa. Reg., being mustered into service October 30, 1862, and receiving his honorable discharge in July, 1863, when his term of enlistment expired. Mr. Buckalew is a man of excellent judgment and has been very successful in his business ventures. Although he obtained but little education in the common school he is a man of scholarly attainments and has been a life-long student. He has an excellent memory and few if any are as well posted as he on the early history of his section of the county. He is recognized as an authority upon local historical events, and when the legislature authorized the compilation and publication of the "History of the Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania" Gov. Pattison appointed him as one of the corps to do the work, assigning him the territory between the North and West Branches of the Susquehanna River, including Sunbury. He set about getting the desired data, and the manner in which he wrote his part of the book proved entirely satisfactory to everybody concerned and gained many favorable comments for him.

In 1861 our subject was united in marriage to Miss D. K. Creveling, a daughter of Andrew S. Creveling, late a farmer of Fishing Creek township. Politically Capt. Buckalew is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. Socially he is a member of Ent Post No. 250, G. A. R., of Bloomsburg; a member of Lodge No. 234, I. O. O. F., of New Columbus, Pa., of which he is past noble grand; Washington Lodge No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg; Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; Mt. Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M.; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T.;







DR. WILLIAM J. HANLON.

Orient Conclave, No. 2, Red Cross of Constantine; and Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32d Degree N. M. J., Bloomsburg, Pa.

DR. WILLIAM J. HANLON, a successful and popular physician of Mount Carmel, whose portrait is presented on the preceding page, is another of the residents of Northumberland County who have worked their way upward and have won success and honor by their perseverance, ability and energy. One of a family of ten children, our subject, as an engine-wiper, at the age of ten years, began a career which has been active and full of variety. He was for a time a slate-picker, and graduated from the coal breaker to the railroad and worked his way upward to the dispatcher's office and, while working hard every day, studied medicine and crowned his labors by graduating from one of the leading colleges of this state with high honors and taking up the practice of the profession he had chosen for his life-work. A self-made man in every respect, Dr. Hanlon looks back over his earlier struggles with much satisfaction and with the kindest remembrances of his father who persistently urged him to go to school and to try to educate himself so as to be fitted to win success.

Our subject is a son of Thomas and Margaret (McClellan) Hanlon and was born at Port Carbon, Schuylkill County, Pa., August 5, 1862. His father was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, where he was born in 1829. He came to the United States in 1847 and found employment as a driver on the old Lehigh Canal. Meeting some friends whom he had known theretofore he subsequently went to work as a laborer, unloading boats at Mauch Chunk. Later he secured employ-

ment as a brakeman on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, continuing in that occupation until the spring of 1851 when he caught the go'd fever and decided to go to California. He got as far as Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., where something caused him to abandon his proposed journey to the Pacific Coast, and he secured work as a brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, on which he worked for many years. He was a brakeman on the construction train when the line running from Pottsville to Frackville, Schuylkill County, was built. In 1871 he was given an engine, having by painstaking and diligent application to his duties won promotions gradually until he was thoroughly competent to run an engine, and was transferred in July, 1872, to Mahanoy Plane where he hauled coal trains until 1883. He was then given a regular passenger run, handling a train which ran between Mahanoy Plane and Shenandoah; he continued on that line until age made it advisable that he be given lighter work and he was placed in charge of a smaller engine which he ran until his death, February 20, 1897. Mr. Hanlon married Margaret McClellan, who was born March 29, 1841, and died March 25, 1897. Their family numbered ten children.

For a brief period the subject of this review, William J. Hanlon, attended public schools at Mahanoy Plane and Port Carbon. When ten years old he went to work as an engine-wiper, then he was water-boy for the railroad trackmen for a year and a half, and next he picked slate in a breaker and did many odd jobs, going to school in winter. His father, while appreciating the boy's energy and desire to be earning something, constantly urged William to attend school, but the son kept at work, laboring for a time on a gravel train. He finally yielded to his father's solicitations and in the fall of 1879 resumed his studies, making

excellent progress and attaining a high standing. He obtained a certificate as a teacher, but he preferred to work about the railroad and he greased pulleys for a month on the Mahanoy plane. Next he took a clerkship in the station at Mahanoy Plane, working in that capacity from April, 1881, to December, 1883. In the meantime he had learned telegraphy and he was transferred to Paxinos, where he opened a new station for the Reading Railroad, remaining there until March 12, 1887, when he was sent back to Mahanoy Plane as timekeeper for the same road. He subsequently was stationed as a clerk at Shamokin Scales on the Philadelphia & Reading and as night operator on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Morris Junction, near Pottsville. After working at several places on the latter road, in December, 1888, our subject was promoted to the position of copier and operator in the office of the train dispatcher at Sunbury, where he remained until September, 1892. He had meanwhile taken up the study of medicine with Dr. Daniel W. Shindel of Sunbury and, resigning his position with the railroad, on October 1, 1892, he matriculated at the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia. He pursued his studies assiduously and between terms at college worked as an operator on the Philadelphia & Reading and the Pennsylvania roads, thus adding to the fund which he had saved for the purpose of going through the college. He was graduated May 10, 1895, and removed to Philadelphia, but he soon abandoned the idea of practicing in that city owing to the large expenditures he would have been under while acquiring a practice. He located at Port Carbon, Schuylkill County, where he practiced his profession until April 29, 1896, when he removed to Mount Carmel where he now has a large and profitable general practice.

On January 3, 1889, our subject was joined in wedlock to Mary E. Farley. Their home has been brightened by two children: Thomas F., born October 16, 1889; and William A., born September 4, 1896.

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REV. MARTIN L. SHINDEL, a gentleman of scholarly attainments and a devout Christian worker, has served faithfully and most efficiently as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Danville since March, 1874. He has devoted his time and energy to the cause of Christianity with a zeal and a love for his work which could not but result in the accomplishment of much good to his charge and his fellow citizens, and there is not a member of his church who does not love and respect him. He is a son of Rev. J. P. and Susanna (McCollough) Shindel, and was born in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa.

Rev. J. P. Shindel, the father of our subject, was born in Lebanon County, Pa., and when young decided that his life's work lay in the ministerial field. He became pastor of the Lutheran Church of Sunbury and served as such for a period of forty-five years, when he retired owing to his advanced age, five years prior to his death. He married Susanna McCollough of Lebanon County and they were the parents of a family of eleven children, as follows: Jeremiah, a minister; Rev. John P.; Jacob J. G.; Solomon; Newton, a physician, deceased; Dr. Daniel W., deceased; Martin L., our subject; Philip M.; Louise, the wife of Gideon Leisenring; Maria, the wife of Benjamin Hendricks; Susanna, the wife of Samuel Gobin, is the mother of Lieut.-Gov. J. P. S. Gobin of Pennsylvania.

Martin L. Shindel received a good educa-



tion, graduating from the Susquehanna University, after which he studied for the ministry and was ordained to preach in 1861. His first charge was at McAlisterville, Pa., where he remained for three years, after which he had three congregations at Selinsgrove, Pa., for a period of seven years. He then removed to Danville, Montour County, as the successor to Rev. U. Graves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he is pastor at the present time.

This church was originally a part of St. John's German Lutheran Church of Danville, which was established in 1820 by Rev. Peter Kessler, who for some years was the only pastor of that denomination in that section of the state. He had charge of all the congregations in Montour and adjoining counties. In 1830 the Lutherans and Episcopalians joined in building a house of worship in which each was to hold its services, but after a year or two dissatisfaction arose, and the Lutherans erected a church of their own in 1844. The congregation assumed large proportions in a remarkably short time and it became apparent that the size of the church was insufficient to comfortably accommodate all who wished to attend. Many of the members again became dissatisfied and the English-speaking members withdrew, resulting in the incorporation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church on April 29, 1852. They erected a handsome brick church on Pine Street in 1858, a building 45 by 72 feet in size, with a large basement for a Sunday School room, and Rev. P. P. Lane was installed as the first pastor. He in turn was succeeded by the following in their respective order: Rev. M. J. Stover, Rev. E. A. Sharretts, Rev. George M. Rhoads, Rev. U. Graves, and Rev. Martin L. Shindel, our subject. The trustees of the church at present are: Jacob Fish, William E.

Case, Charles Pusey, and Charles Werkheiser. Adjoining the church, but facing on Mulberry street, is the parsonage which is in every way in keeping with the church edifice.

Under the successful guidance of its present pastor the church has increased in membership to an enrollment of two hundred, and is in good financial condition. Rev. Mr. Shindel during his long pastorate and faithful devotion to his duty toward God and man, has won a high place in the affections of the people.

Our subject was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Catherine Young, a daughter of John Young, and they reared a daughter, Elizabeth B., now the wife of Samuel McCoy, town clerk of Danville, Pa. Mrs. Shindel died at the age of fifty-five years, and our subject formed a second marital union with Mary O. Tillson, a daughter of Darius and Mary Tillson of Danville, and they have one daughter, Susan Mary, born October 23, 1889.

**D**ANIEL McHENRY, for many years a prominent lumberman of Columbia and adjoining counties, is now living in his fine old residence at Stillwater, Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, Pa., which was the first property his grandfather acquired after coming to this country, and he is extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, being a large land owner in that section. He is a son of Moses and Martha (Edgar) McHenry, and was born at Stillwater, May 15, 1827.

Daniel McHenry, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the North of Ireland and was of Scotch-Irish parentage. Coming to America prior to the struggle for independence, he enlisted in the Colonial Army and fought valiantly for his adopted country. He



settled in Columbia County, Pa., where he bought a tract of land where the village of Stillwater is now located and there built a log house, the first building erected in the county, north of Orangeville. Soon after his wife followed him to their new home where their nearest neighbor was at Orangeville, six miles distant, and their nearest market. Northumberland, thirty-four miles distant. There they lived and labored in happiness, and, dying, their property descended to their children, most of it now being owned by our subject. Daniel joined in wedlock with Mary Stevens, a sister of Col. William Stevens, a distinguished officer of the War of 1812, and a well-known horseman of Steuben County, N. Y., and their children were: Benjamin, who owned a part of the old homestead, followed farming and lumbering and died of the yellow fever while going down the Susquehanna River with a raft; Daniel, a farmer and lumberman on the old home estate, who was widely known as a man of upright character and as a devout Christian; John, the grandfather of John G. McHenry, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Uriah, who was a shoemaker by trade; Moses, the father of our subject; Elias, a farmer and lumberman, who was also a colonel in the state militia and a very active man; Mrs. Martha Colley; and Mrs. Susan Edgar. Daniel McHenry lies buried at St. Gabriel's Church in Sugarloaf township, and his wife in the Stillwater cemetery.

Moses McHenry, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in 1791, and he was a farmer and lumber dealer. He owned about 300 acres of the original family estate and an additional tract of 200 acres which he purchased. He rafted logs down Fishing Creek to the Susquehanna, thence down to tidewater, and did a very large business for

many years. He was one of the greatest hunters of his time and to him hunting was not only a pleasant pastime but a very profitable one. His brother John was likewise fond of the sport and in the proper season they took jaunts up into the mountains, always returning with many deer, numbering close to one hundred, which they disposed of at the Philadelphia markets. Moses was a strong Democrat in his political affiliations, and was also a captain in the state militia. He was a man of marked religious character and was the founder of the Christian Church at Stillwater, where he was the first man baptized by immersion. He passed to his final rest in 1855. He married Martha Edgar, a daughter of James Edgar, a record of whose life will be found in the biography of T. H. Edgar, Esq., and they became the parents of six sons and five daughters: Cynthia, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel McHenry of Benton township; Isabella, deceased, wife of Tunis Karns; Elias, deceased, who was at one time a farmer, but during the latter years of his life was engaged in the insurance business; Mary, widow of Samuel Appleman of Stillwater; James, deceased, a merchant of Cambria, Luzerne County, who twice represented that county in the State Legislature; John J., a merchant of Benton, Pa.; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of the late John Evans of Madison, Lackawanna County; Daniel, the subject of this personal history; Cyrus B., deceased, a farmer who resided near Stillwater, and was at his death, in 1890, associate judge of Columbia County; Martha, widow of Hiram McHenry, a farmer of Fishing Creek township; and Silas, deceased, who was a farmer on the old homestead.

Daniel McHenry was brought up on his father's farm and received his education in the old "subscription" schools. As a youth he





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was ambitious and energetic and before he attained his majority he embarked in the mercantile business as a partner with his brother James, and they continued as partners for five years, when our subject became sole proprietor. His efforts in this direction met with the best of success and he conducted the store for ten years, when he disposed of it to his nephew, Moses McHenry, who now runs it. In the meantime Mr. McHenry had become much interested in the lumber business in Columbia and neighboring counties, and upon retiring from the mercantile business he devoted his attention mainly to the lumber business. His operations were very extensive and he continued with good results until 1890, when he retired in favor of his son, O. D. McHenry, who had been assisting him for several years. Being the owner of large interests in land, he has since given his attention to their cultivation and he is now an extensive agriculturist. Besides owning a part of the old home property, in 1856 he purchased a tract of fifty-two acres of his uncle, Elias McHenry, and also a tract of 200 acres of fine bottomland. He owns three good building sites in Stillwater and in 1878 he built upon the land, which descended from his grandfather, a large and commodious residence in which he has since resided. Our subject is a man of high principles and sterling integrity and stands high among the leading citizens of the county.

On November 17, 1862, Mr. McHenry was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mary McHenry, a daughter of the late J. D. McHenry, a farmer of Fishing Creek township, who was a son of Benjamin McHenry, and a grandson of the founder of the family in this country. This union was blessed by two children: Orvis Dell, a lumber dealer who resides at home; and May. Politically our

subject is an unswerving Democrat and in 1860 was elected county treasurer. He is a consistent member of the Christian Church, of which he is an elder.

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REV. PHILANDER S. BREWSTER, M. D., after preparing himself for the medical profession in his youth, served in the Union Army during the Rebellion and upon returning home entered the ministry, filling the pulpits of many churches until 1894, when he decided to follow the profession of his first choice. He has a large practice in and about the borough of Berwick and has been particularly successful in the treatment of chronic cases. He is a son of Daniel and Roxanna (Beeman) Brewster, and was born in Wyalusing township, Bradford County, Pa., October 4, 1830.

The Brewsters are of English extraction and are probably descendants of Elder Brewster who came over in the Mayflower. James Brewster, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Long Island, N. Y., where he resided until 1800, when he and his family, which consisted of a wife, two sons and a daughter, moved to Susquehanna County, where he spent the remainder of his days. His occupation was that of a shoemaker, which he followed with success. He was the progenitor of a family of three children, namely: Daniel, the father of our subject; Eldad, who was a weaver in Susquehanna County and died at a comparatively young age; and Abigail, who married David Vergason of Bradford County, Pa.

Daniel Brewster was born on Long Island, N. Y., but moved to Bradford County, Pa., with his parents. Early in life he learned the trade of tailor, but soon after moving



to Wyalusing township he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, operating a farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres. He was a natural student and was well-posted on all current topics of the day. He was a Jackson Democrat and served under Gen. Jackson during the War of 1812. Although not a member of any church he was a strict adherent to the Presbyterian faith. He was united in matrimonial bonds to Roxanna Beeman and they reared a large family of twelve children, all of whom reached maturity before a death occurred. Their record is as follows: John, deceased, was a farmer and located near Chicago, Ill., at an early day, but spent the latter years of his life at New Lisbon, Wis.; Hannah, deceased, married Joseph Lee, a farmer of New Albany, Bradford County; Nelson, deceased, who was an agriculturist in Susquehanna County; Pamela, deceased, who married Nathan Coleman, a resident of Herrick township, Bradford County; Sally, who married William S. Lee of New Albany, Bradford County; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Woodruff of Ohio; Jesse, deceased, who was a member of Company D, 141st Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served until the winter of 1862, when he died at Falmouth, Va., as a result of exposure; Eldad, who resides in New York State; Caroline, deceased, who was the wife of John Kissle of Bradford County; Angeline, who married a Mr. Beeman of New York State; Rev. Philander S., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; and Davis D., deceased, who was a mechanic and operated a planing-mill in the mountains of California. Daniel Brewster died in Orwell township, Bradford County, Pa., aged ninety-three years, two months and twenty-three days.

Rev. Philander S. Brewster was reared on his father's farm and after obtaining a good

common-school education learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed a short time. At the age of twenty-two he began teaching school, and, as he proved an able instructor, taught for six terms, during which time he also studied medicine. In October, 1862, he was drafted into Company D, 171st Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. for nine months' service. He served in the Army of the Potomac for eleven months when he received his discharge and upon returning home entered the ministry of the Baptist Church, being ordained in Wyalusing township. His first charge was at Lehman, Luzerne County, where he remained for four years; then he held a pastorate for one year in Lackawanna County; then at West Liberty Church, Susquehanna County, where he remained for a period of seven years. His next charges were at Lehman Lake and Union Churches of Luzerne County, where he filled the pulpits until 1889 when he was called to Berwick and officiated as pastor of the Baptist Church for five years. He had been practicing medicine also during this time, and in 1894 he left the ministry to care for his rapidly increasing patronage. He is a homeopathic physician and his success in treating chronic diseases has been exceptional, as some of his patients, who were pronounced incurable by the leading physicians of the county were placed upon their feet and are still enjoying good health. He is kind and sympathetic and wins his way to the hearts of his patients, who regard him in the light of a friend as well as a physician.

Our subject was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Nancy M. Hines, April 5, 1852, and was bereaved of her companionship by death in the same year. In 1854 he formed a second matrimonial alliance with Jane V. Midgaugh, a native of Wyalusing township, Bradford County, who died in 1885. He was sub-

sequently married to Mrs. Mary (Bouse) Butler, relict of James Butler of Wyoming County.

We are pleased to announce that an excellent portrait of Rev. Mr. Brewster appears on a page in proximity to this.

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**FL**ON. MAYNARD J. PHILLIPS, ex-associate judge of Sullivan County, is a prominent and influential citizen of Davidson township, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old family estate. He was born July 14, 1854, and is a son of Griffith and Mary A. (Rogers) Phillips.

Our subject's grandfather, Griffith Phillips, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., in 1778, and was a son of David Phillips. He had three brothers, Daniel, John, and William, all of whom moved to Madison township, Columbia County, Pa. Griffith Phillips lived in Jerseytown, Columbia County, until twenty-one years of age and then moved to Chester County, where he learned the trade of a blacksmith. Subsequently he moved to Danville and there followed his trade until 1809, when he went to Davidson township, Sullivan County, where he cleared a farm near Hemlock School and followed agricultural pursuits and his trade until his death. He married Mary Hughes, who was born near Danville, Pa., and they became the parents of eight children: John, born August 10, 1812, who lived on a farm near Sonestown at his death in October, 1893, and who married Susan Sones, who survives him; Rachael, deceased, born April 3, 1811, married Samuel Livergood, who operated a saw-mill in Hughesville and who served for three years in the Union Army under Maj. Bryan, dying in 1895; Hannah,

born December 12, 1814, was the wife of John Robbins, deceased, who went west in 1860, locating in Iowa,—she too is now deceased and is survived by a large family of children; Evan H., born February 14, 1816, who lived on the old Spearman farm in Davidson township until he sold out to the Lancaster Lumber Company, when he moved to Franklin township, Lycoming County, and lived upon a farm until his death,—he was the first sheriff of Sullivan County, his wife was Mary Jane Laird; Thomas, who resides on a part of the old Phillips homestead, was born November 30, 1817, and married Hannah Low, who died in 1889; Mary, deceased, born May 15, 1819, was the wife of Alexander Colley, a farmer of Columbia County; Griffith, the father of our subject; and David, deceased, born May 19, 1822, married Elizabeth Taylor, who lives on the old Phillips homestead in Davidson township.

Griffith Phillips, the father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was born in Davidson township, December 6, 1820, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He located upon the farm which our subject now possesses in 1863, but prior to that was engaged in the lumbering business. While living upon that farm he became convinced that there must be copper ore in the land and throughout his life-time searched in vain for it. As a farmer he was very successful. Politically he was a Democrat and served as a commissioner of Sullivan County and also as deputy sheriff under Evan H. Phillips, Esq., the first sheriff of the county. He was serving as commissioner when the first court-house of Sullivan County was under construction at Laporte. He was united in marriage with Mary A. Rogers, a native of Kingston township, Luzerne County, and they were the parents of seven children: David Wheeler, born

April 13, 1853, died in infancy; Maynard Josiah; Hugh G., a farmer of Wolf township, Lycoming County, born October 1, 1856, who married Sarah Kahler; Willard I., born May 30, 1859, died September 13, 1863; Florence H., born April 11, 1861, is the wife of William J. Yocum of Benton township, Columbia County; McClellan A., born February 27, 1864, married Mattie L. Taylor, May 13, 1886, and she died December 1, 1886,—he now resides with our subject; and Hester A., born September 3, 1866, died November 4, 1886. Mrs. Phillips was sickly for many years and died of consumption, March 3, 1885. For several years prior to his death, November 4, 1886, Griffith Phillips was an invalid and resided with his son Maynard, where he received such treatment as only a loving son can bestow upon a worthy father.

Maynard J. Phillips, being the eldest son, was at the age of twelve years obliged to leave school and assist his father upon the farm. When the father was stricken with palsy the great responsibility of looking after the family affairs was shifted to Maynard's young shoulders, but he did not falter under the weight. He set about his work with a grim determination that he would succeed and be a comfort to his parents in their declining years. His life was one of continuous labor on the farm and in the woods, but better times were in store for him. Although deprived of the privilege of attending the schools, he obtained an excellent practical education by private study and by contact with men of educational attainment whom he met in the business world. When quite young he sold school books and school supplies, which vocation he made a success that he has every reason to feel proud of, and at the present time, he is the representative of the American School Book Company of New York City. He now owns

123 acres of the old homestead, all well-improved land, and carries on general farming.

On December 20, 1887, Mr. Phillips married Mary C. Pennington, who was born at Fairmont Springs, Luzerne County, Pa., March 7, 1862, and is a daughter of James N. and Elizabeth (Laubach) Pennington. Mr. Pennington is a farmer of Fairmont Springs; his wife is now deceased. Our subject and his wife have three children: Murl G., born July 23, 1889; Mary V., born February 11, 1892; and Helen B., born July 23, 1895. Mr. Phillips always has been a firm supporter of the Democratic party, and in December, 1891, he was elected associate judge of Sullivan County, serving faithfully in that capacity until the expiration of his term; he has several times been chosen congressional and senatorial conferee from Sullivan County; he was elected school director in Davidson township for three consecutive terms, also has been elected delegate by the school directors of Sullivan County to the state convention of school directors, held at Harrisburg, Pa., and is at the present time secretary of the school board. Our subject is a gentleman of rare mental power, pleasant and honorable in his dealings, and is deservedly popular with all. During his eventful public career he has shown a spirit of enterprise and determination which is worthy of emulation, while his success is a credit and honor to both himself and his legion of friends. Socially, Mr. Phillips is a member of Sonestown Lodge, No. 221, I. O. O. F.; the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M. of Bloomsburg; and a member of the Farmer's Alliance. Religiously he and his worthy wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Muncy Valley and he has been superintendent of the Sunday School near his home for several years. A few years ago Mr.



Phillips presented a lot to the congregation on which to erect a church and contributed liberally to the building fund and toward furnishing the church.

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**B**ONHAM R. GEARHART, Jr., who had been cashier of the First National Bank of Danville, Pa., until March, 1870, when he became president, is one of the most prominent and highly-esteemed citizens of that town. He was born at Turbotville, Northumberland County, Pa., May 20, 1843, and is a son of Bonham R. and Elizabeth (Boyd) Gearhart.

Our subject's great-grandfather was Jacob Gearhart, a native of Strangsberg, Germany, who came to this country prior to the Revolutionary War; he located in the state of New Jersey, in what is now Hunterdon County. He served throughout the Revolutionary War and was captain in a New Jersey regiment. After independence had been gained he moved to Northumberland County, Pa., where he had friends. With his family he made his way over the uncultivated land by means of horses and wagons; at an old log house which had been deserted they stopped to rest, and, finding the land very fertile and well adapted for farming, decided to make a settlement there. Mr. Gearhart purchased a large tract of the land, which he cleared with the aid of his sons, and erected one of the first frame houses in the county, the one in which William F. Gearhart now resides; the house is still in good condition and is one of the old landmarks. The great-grandfather purchased land from time to time and was soon the owner of 500 acres, of which he cleared 200 acres and set out a large orchard, which was destroyed by a hail-storm in 1846. He married Catherine Kline

and they were the parents of the following children: John, born in 1758; Jacob, born in 1763 and died in 1778; Herman, born in 1765, died in 1770; William died in 1854, at the age of seventy-eight years; George; Tunis; Charles, born in 1783 and died in 1863; Isaac; Catherine; Mary; and Betsey.

George Gearhart, our subject's grandfather, was born in what is now Hunterdon County, N. J., and removed to Northumberland County with his parents. When George attained his majority, his father gave him a large tract of land, which was situated one mile south of the bridge that crosses the Susquehanna. He erected many buildings upon the land and successfully followed the occupation of a farmer all his life; he also purchased land at different times and at his death he was the owner of some 300 or 400 acres along the banks of the Susquehanna. His farm is now a portion of South Danville, and has been laid out in town lots. His wife was Achsah Kunyon, who bore him four children, namely: Bonham R., our subject's father; Benjamin; Eliza; and Rebecca. Mr. Gearhart, upon the death of his first wife, married Phoebe Lott, and this union resulted in the birth of three children, as follows: Achsah; George; and Herman.

Bonham R. Gearhart, Sr., father of our subject, was born in Rush township, Northumberland County, Pa., was educated in the district school, and, entering Jefferson Medical College was graduated before he attained his majority. He pursued his chosen profession at Sunbury, Washingtonville, later at Turbotville, and then moved to Danville, Montour County, Pa. He was considered one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of the county, and built up a large and lucrative practice. He passed from this life at the age of forty-two years, the cause of his death be-



ing an attack of pneumonia. He was wedded to Elizabeth Boyd, a daughter of William Boyd, and the following children blessed their happy home: Bonham R., Jr., our subject; Jasper B.; James B.; Alexander M.; and M. Grier. Our subject's mother still resides in Danville and has passed her eighty-fourth year.

Our subject attended the public school, and during his boyhood days was a clerk in a store at Wrightsville, York County, Pa. After serving five years as clerk he learned telegraphy, in which he soon became quite proficient, and was employed as operator and agent at Catawissa, Pa., serving in that position until 1865. In October, 1865, he became teller of the First National Bank of Danville, remaining in that position but a short time, when he was promoted to cashier. The bank is one of the most substantial financial institutions in this section of the state and was established January 25, 1864, when a charter was obtained from the Government by the first board of directors, who were as follows: Samuel Yorks; George F. Geisinger; C. Laubach; Charles Fenstermacher; William Yorks; Fred Piper; and G. H. Fowler. At their first meeting Samuel Yorks was chosen president and W. A. M. Grier cashier. The bank is located in what is known as the A. F. Russell store, on the corner of Mill and Bloom streets. The second floor is used as a dwelling and the first floor consists of the bank and offices, which are large and well furnished. The vault is quite safe against burglary, the sides being twenty-four inches in thickness; it is made of solid steel railroad rails bolted together, two inches of steel plate, and the inner space is filled in with cement and emery from top to bottom; the door weighs 8,000 pounds, and has one of the best locks made, a Yale automatic time-lock. The present offi-

cers of this bank are: B. R. Gearhart, our subject, president; S. A. Yorks, cashier; and William L. McClure, assistant cashier.

Mr. Gearhart was married in 1870 to Mary Louise Yorks, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (West) Yorks, and this union was blessed by the birth of two children, namely: Anna M.; and Robert Y., a student. Anna M. is the wife of M. Grier Youngman, cashier of the Danville National Bank of Danville, who is a son of John C. Youngman, and they are the parents of two children, Mary Louise and John Bonham. Mr. Gearhart is a strong Republican in politics. He has served in the city council, as treasurer of the State Hospital of Danville; and treasurer of The Thomas Beaver Free Library. He is a trustee of the Grove Presbyterian Church and served as treasurer of the building committee when the church was erected. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a Knight Templar. In the Civil War he enlisted in Company D, under Col. Ramsey, in 1863, and served a full term of enlistment. Our subject owns a handsome home on Bloom street.

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**P**ROF. MOSES R. BLACK, principal of the graded schools of Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., is a man of recognized ability as a teacher and has been one of the leading business men of the borough for a number of years. He is a son of James and Mary J. (Rogers) Black, and was born in Forksville, August 6, 1858. His grandfather was James Black, who was the progenitor of two sons: James, the father of our subject; and Henry F., who resides in the state of Illinois.

James Black was born October 26, 1820, and early in life learned the trade of a miller.





HON. C. R. SAVIDGE.

He built the first grist-mill at Forksville in 1856 and operated it until his death, having a very large patronage, as it was the only mill in that section for many years. He was called to his final rest in 1862. Mr. Black was originally a Whig in politics, but later became a Republican. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was united in marriage three times, his first union being with Margaret Bryan, by whom he had five children: Henry F.; Martha; Julia; Catherine; and James. He was again married to Salome Hoppis, but their union was without issue. He formed a third alliance with Mary J. Rogers and their children were: Moses R., our subject; Jennie, wife of J. D. Seely of Osceola, Pa.; Della, wife of F. W. Peale of Eagles Mere, Pa.; and Freddie, who died young. Our subject's mother now resides at Nelson, Pa.

Moses R. Black obtained his intellectual training by attending the public schools of Elkland, Tioga County, Pa., the Genesee Wesleyan Academy, and the Normal School of Mansfield. At the age of nineteen years he began teaching in the district schools and in 1886 he was elected superintendent of schools of Sullivan County. His work in that capacity was of the highest order and he was re-elected in 1887. He subsequently purchased a furniture and undertaking business and planing mill at Forksville and operated it with good results until 1898, displaying excellent general business qualifications. In 1898 he disposed of his plant to Messrs. Wright & Haight and accepted the position as principal of the graded schools of Forksville, one for which he is eminently qualified. These schools were established in 1887, employ two teachers, and are considered the best in that section of the county. Prof. Black stands high in public esteem and has the hearty co-operation

of the school board and the citizens in his work.

Prof. Black was joined in marriage with Ada Shaffer, a daughter of Jesse Shaffer of Forksville, and they have two children: James, born in March, 1896; and Beatrice, born June 1, 1897.

Our subject is a Republican and has served three terms in the common council, one term as school director, and was again called upon to accept the latter office, but declined. Fraternally, he is a Mason; past grandmaster of the Odd Fellows lodge; a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; and of the Grange. In religious attachments he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Black resides in one of the finest homes in the borough.

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**H**ON. C. R. SAVIDGE, judge of the Eighth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, residing in Sunbury, Northumberland County, is an indefatigable worker and possesses a legal turn of mind which, coupled with superior executive ability, made him a successful attorney and now make him an excellent judge. He carries with him into the chamber of justice the energy and business push so characteristic of the man, which enable him to dispose of as much legal business, perhaps, as any judge in the state, in the same length of time. He is pleasant and affable, a good conversationalist, was an able advocate, and is now a distinguished jurist.

Judge Savidge was born January 19, 1851, in Trevorton, Northumberland County, Pa., and is a son of Samuel K. and Ellen (Campbell) Savidge. He is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Samuel K. Savidge, father of our subject, was born in Rush township, Northumberland



County, and was a mason and bricklayer by trade. He was united in marriage with Ellen Campbell and to them were born the following children: C. R., subject of this sketch; Harmon C., manager of Whitmer & Sons' lumber business in West Virginia; and Lizzie A., wife of Willard Robinson of West Virginia. Our subject's father and mother were both devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died, respectively, in 1853 and 1882.

Judge Savidge obtained his early education in the public schools and by self tuition, having from early childhood evinced a fondness for books and study. At the age of fourteen years he began teaching in the district schools of Northumberland County and taught for four years. In 1867-70 he taught in the public schools of Danville after which he entered college at Princeton, N. J., graduating therefrom in 1874. He was a classmate of Henry M. Hinckley and James Scarlett, well known citizens of Riverside and Danville, respectively. Subsequently, in 1874, he read law with Hon. S. P. Wolverton of Sunbury, and in February, 1877, he was admitted to the bar of Northumberland County. Immediately after his admission, he actively and energetically entered upon the practice of his profession and soon took a high rank as an able and thorough-going lawyer.

In his political affiliations our subject is a Democrat and in 1880 was elected by that party to the office of district attorney by a majority of 1,066 votes. In 1891 he was elected judge of the Eighth Judicial District and is now filling that office very acceptably to the people.

December 31, 1875, Judge Savidge was united in marriage with Louise Essick of Montour County, Pa., and to this union seven children were born: Harry W., a graduate of

Dickinson Law School at Carlisle, Pa.; Albert C.; Ralph W. E.; Preston M.; Louise; Lucile; and one, deceased. The Judge's family are willing workers in the Baptist faith. Socially the Judge is a valued member of the blue lodge, F. & A. M., the Conclave; and Knights of the Golden Eagle. A portrait of the subject of this sketch is shown on a preceding page.

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**W**ILLIAM E. MILLER, one of Forksville's most enterprising business-men, conducts a blacksmith shop at the end of Bridge street and is proprietor of the old stone grist-mill, which was built by Mr. Black many years ago. He is a son of Francis and Elizabeth (Davidson) Miller, and was born in Monroe township, Bradford County, Pa., December 12, 1855.

Francis Miller, father of our subject, was born in Germany and after learning the trade of a blacksmith, he came to America, locating in Towanda, Pa., where he worked at his trade for several years. Removing to Forksville he purchased a blacksmith shop and remained in that business about thirty years. He then bought a farm now known as the Burgess farm, upon which he built a new house, barns, and made other improvements, and became one of the leading agriculturists of that section. He was without means when he started out on his own account, but through his industry he accumulated a comfortable property. He died in 1889, aged sixty-one years, but his wife survives him, residing at Overton, Pa. They became the parents of seven children, namely: Orvilla Jane, the wife of W. H. Denorl of Waverly, N. Y.; William E., the subject of this record; Charles, a resident of Hoytville, who married Ella Brewer; Moses

C., who married Kate Cadden and resides in Ringdale; Mary, the wife of G. W. Collins of Waverly, N. Y.; John of Elkland township, who married Marion White; and Henry of Forksville, who married Nellie Warren. Mr. Miller was a Democrat and after moving to Forksville served in the town council and held minor township offices.

William E. Miller attended the public schools after which he learned the trade of a blacksmith with his father and has followed it ever since, with the exception of a period of four years, when he took the farm and conducted it until it was sold. He was for several years located at the Laporte tannery, having charge of the blacksmithing department, and later moved to Forksville, where he built his present shop and has since been engaged in business. He is a skilled mechanic and besides the various branches of his business in which he is engaged he is the only dealer in agricultural implements, wagons, etc., in the borough, and has a large trade. In 1897 he purchased of O. W. Mather the old grist-mill and carries on a large business. He is a thorough business man, of shrewd and unerring judgment, and has been very successful. He resides in the old Brown residence which he bought and he is one of the hustling men of the borough.

Our subject was united in marriage with Alma Bird, a daughter of George C. Bird, and they are the parents of three children: Jennie May; George Francis; and Clarence Lamont. Politically he is a Republican and has served as member of the town council, and school director, and is treasurer of the borough. In religious belief he and his family are adherents of the Methodist Church. He is a member and past master of Sullivan Lodge, No. 522, I. O. O. F.; and a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

**C**HARLES C. LEADER, proprietor of the finest dry goods business in Shamokin, Pa., conducted in one of the largest and handsomest stores in the state of Pennsylvania, is a son of Edward and Katharine (Snyder) Leader, and was born in Alsace township, Berks County, Pa., July 13, 1843. Our subject's grandfather was a native of Montgomery County, Pa., as was his father, Edward, but both died in Berks County. The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm and received such education as the neighboring schools offered. When fifteen years of age he went to Schuylkill County, where he attended a school for a year, and then took a position as a clerk in the general store of A. J. Medlar, in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., where he was employed three years. He then removed to Pottsville, Pa., with the same employer, where he was clerk in a store for three years. His six years' experience as a clerk gave him an excellent insight into the general-store business, and in 1865 he returned to Schuylkill Haven, where he opened a store, doing a general business, which he conducted with marked success for ten years. Never content to remain in a small town, however successful he might be, and seeking greater and more promising opportunities for his abilities, Mr. Leader migrated to Shamokin in 1875 and for three years conducted a general store, being the head of the firm of Leader, Muir & Company, which did business at Liberty and Independence streets. The firm was dissolved by mutual consent in 1878 and Mr. Leader again went into business on his own account, opening a dry goods store at Shamokin and Sunbury streets, which he conducted for two years. In 1880 the business was removed to Independence street and in the following year

Mr. Leader formed a union with R. G. Eisenhart, the firm name being Leader & Eisenhart, and a clothing department was added to the store. This partnership successfully continued for three years, when Mr. Leader bought Mr. Eisenhart's interest and associated his brother, Edward M. Leader, with him, under the firm name, Leader & Brother. The store now occupied by our subject was built in 1889, when the business was divided by the brothers, our subject retaining the dry goods branch in the new building, and Edward continuing the clothing business at the old stand in Independence street. One of the largest, handsomest and most commodious to be found in this state, the store now owned by our subject is regarded as one of the most attractive as well as important mercantile features of Shamokin. The store has a frontage of 48 feet and a depth of 125 feet and is fitted with every modern appliance which is calculated to make trading pleasant for the customer and to expedite business. In addition to the store on the ground floor a basement and the two upper floors are utilized to accommodate the large stock of the newest and most desirable dry goods, etc., which is constantly kept on hand. The store is equipped with several electric elevators, by which the patrons of Mr. Leader are quickly and comfortably conveyed to the various departments on the upper floors; also with the cable cash-carrier system.

In addition to his store and to his numerous other commercial and manufacturing interests in Shamokin, Mr. Leader, in conjunction with his son, Edward R., conducts a dry goods store in Mount Carmel, Pa., which, practically, is a counterpart of the Shamokin store in size and in the quality of goods and the extensive business which is done.

The large and successful business which Mr.

Leader has built up forms the most substantial monument to his energy, his remarkable talent for correctly judging the needs of people, and to his equally remarkable executive ability and tact in organizing his forces and in catering to his fellow-citizens. Industry, hard work, constant labor, added to great natural ability and energy, account for the success of our subject, who to-day is recognized among those who know him best as a man of great personal enterprise and ability and of commendable and most helpful public spirit. Mr. Leader has connected himself in various capacities with several of the more important corporations of Shamokin and to his wise counsel and energetic management is due much of the success they have attained. He is president of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, which was organized and began business in March, 1896, and of which he has been president since its organization; a stockholder and president of the Shamokin Banking Company; a director in the Shamokin Illuminating Company; a director in the Shamokin Arc Light Company; a director in the Anthracite Mutual Insurance Company, of Shamokin; and a director in the Shamokin Manufacturing Company.

Our subject was one of the loyal Pennsylvanians who quickly responded when the invasion of this state was threatened by the rebels, and he served in an emergency regiment of volunteers at Chambersburg and also at Gettysburg. Mr. Leader is an elder in St. John's Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Leader formerly was a Democrat, but he is now an independent voter, with strong Prohibition tendencies.

In May, 1867, Mr. Leader was united in marriage to Amanda R., daughter of Benjamin Ketner, of Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and to them have been born five children: Emma







EMANUEL G. SEILER.

May, Charles F., William C., Harry K., and Edward R.

The brother of our subject, Edward M. Leader, was born in Berks County, Pa., in June, 1859. He now conducts the clothing business which he acquired when he and our subject separated their business ventures in 1889. Mr. Leader is treasurer of the board of trustees of the local Presbyterian Church. He is a Democrat, but not active as a politician. Mr. Leader married Carrie, daughter of George Hamilton, of Pottsville, Pa., October 10, 1888.

William C. Leader, who was formerly employed at Mount Carmel, was killed in the terrible wreck at Dunellen, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, in January, 1898. He was succeeded in the management of the Mount Carmel store by his brother, Edward R. Leader.

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EMANUEL G. SEILER, a thoroughly representative citizen and the head of one of the largest wholesale houses in the state, was born in Mahanoy township, Northumberland County, June 21, 1847. He is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Geist) Seiler.

The Seiler family has been prominently identified with the growth, progress and history of Northumberland County for several decades. The founder of the family in the county was John Jacob Seiler, the grandfather of the older members of the family now residing in Shamokin, who was a native of Eastern Pennsylvania and of German extraction. He was reared in the Mahanoy Valley, this county, and settled in what is now known as Lower Mahanoy township. He was born May 22, 1780, and died March 12, 1866, aged eighty-five years, nine months and twenty days. He was a farmer, a man of unusually

sturdy physique, and had the reputation of being one of the hardiest and strongest men in the valley. John Jacob was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Kuntzman, and to them was born Daniel Seiler, father of our subject, on May 15, 1820, on the homestead where he was reared.

Daniel Seiler was a wheelwright by trade and actively engaged in his chosen occupation until 1845 when he bought a farm in the Mahanoy Valley on which he resided until his death on August 27, 1877. Our subject's father was one of the five men who first espoused the cause of the new Republican party in the township in which he resided. He always was active in politics but never sought office. He was a member of the Reformed Church in which he was prominent and served as a deacon and an elder. His wife was Sarah Geist and to them were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, as follows: Jacob, born on the old homestead where he has always resided and pursued farming; Emanuel G., our subject; Mary Magdalene, widow of the late John K. Haas of Shamokin; Daniel G., a sketch of whom appears herein; Sarah Ann, the wife of Aaron H. Haupt of Shamokin; Aaron of Shamokin, Pa.; Felix G., a sketch of whom is also included in this review; and Isaac G., who resides at Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa., and is the representative there of Seiler, Zimmerman, Otto & Company of Shamokin.

Our subject, Emanuel G. Seiler, was reared on his father's farm where he worked until he was eighteen years old and where he attended the schools in the township. He learned the trade of carpenter which he followed for several years both at his home and in Shamokin. In 1869 Mr. Seiler, being ambitious and determined to engage in something more profitable than carpentry, removed to Shamokin.

kin. He opened a small store in which he did a meager business for some time, yet, remarkable and almost incredible as it may seem, with a capital of but \$50.00 he laid the foundations on which in after years he built the extensive and prosperous business of which he is now and for some years has been the active, energetic, successful head. He continued his little store, persevering, and by frugality and strict attention to every detail of a general store prepared to branch out. It may be said that Mr. Seiler laid the cornerstone of his mercantile success in 1871 when he formed a copartnership with J. K. Haas and the firm opened a small store at Pine and Second streets, Shamokin, doing a dry goods, grocery and confectionery business. Five years later Mr. Haas retired from the firm, taking the dry goods department, and Mr. Seiler continuing the grocery and confectionery trade. Our subject prospered and gradually enlarged the business until it was on a good footing and success was assured. In 1879 Henry S. Zimmerman joined our subject, the firm becoming E. G. Seiler & Company. The wholesale jobbing trade had by this time so grown that the new firm soon found it advantageous to drop the retail trade and to devote their energies entirely to the wholesale business, and the retail branch of the business was sold to Zimmerman, Haas & Company, Messrs. Seiler and Zimmerman taking in as junior partner, Felix G. Seiler, brother of our subject, and continuing the wholesale fancy grocery and candy business under the firm name of Seiler, Zimmerman & Co. Careful management and the untiring industry of our subject increased the trade of the firm to such proportions that enlarged quarters were an absolute necessity. Consequently in 1886 the three-story brick building was erected at Independence and Cleaver streets

and was occupied by the new firm of which Felix G. Seiler had just become the junior member. The business was pushed with characteristic energy and the firm, which now occupies the handsome store erected in 1886, enjoys an inland trade as large as that of any wholesale house in Central Pennsylvania. The firm's agents traverse all parts of Northumberland, Schuylkill, Montour, Juniata, Dauphin, Union, Snyder and Columbia counties every week, and, as the house enjoys an excellent reputation for enterprise, fair dealing, and the excellent quality of its goods, which reputation has been well earned and is deserved, the sales are large and constantly increase in quantities. In addition to the large building occupied as the store the firm also utilizes two large warehouses situated on the line of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, between Market and Sixth streets, the storage capacity being an important feature of the business and enabling the firm to compete with the similar wholesale houses in the larger cities. The firm employs thirteen men, including three traveling salesmen whose routes cover territory within a radius of 300 miles of Shamokin. The business is constantly being extended into new territory and promises to become within a few years one of the largest and most successful commercial enterprises in this state. In 1896 the firm was enlarged, Mr. W. H. H. Otto taking an interest and the firm name being changed to Seiler, Zimmerman, Otto & Company. The senior member of the firm, our subject, has partly laid aside his active work as a member of the company and now acts as the consulting partner, giving the benefit of his experience and his knowledge of the trade to the business. This gives Mr. Seiler opportunity to more fully look after many individual interests which he has acquired because he is and always has been.



since becoming a resident of Shamokin, an active participant in every commercial and public movement which is calculated to advance the interests of the town.

Long respected as one of the most enterprising and public spirited men of Shamokin, Emanuel G. Seiler has in every way fully justified the good opinion in which he is held by his fellow citizens. He is at present vice-president of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of which he was one of the organizers and was its first treasurer; he is president of the Shamokin Street Railway Company, of which he was one of the organizers and original stockholders; he is president of the Board of Trade; was one of the organizers of the Anthracite Fire Insurance Company and has been one of its vice-presidents since its organization; is treasurer of the West Ward Building & Loan Association, one of the most successful and largest in the state; he is also treasurer of the Black Diamond Building & Loan Association of which he was an organizer; and is also a leading member of the Anthracite Association, which was organized in 1898 to promote the sale of anthracite coal and to secure reasonable and popular prices.

Our subject is a member of St. John's Reformed Church of which he has been an elder for many years. In politics Mr. Seiler is an earnest and active Republican and has served as a member of the council.

In 1869 Mr. Seiler was united in marriage with Caroline Bower, daughter of Michael Bower of Lower Mahanoy township, and to them have been born three children, one dying in infancy; and two surviving, as follows: Cora, who is the wife of Dr. R. H. Simmons of Shamokin, and Lula, who resides with her parents.

Felix G. Seiler, brother of our subject, was

born June 9, 1859, on the old homestead in Mahantango township, Schuylkill County, Pa., was reared on the farm and attended the common school there until, at the age of sixteen years, he removed to Shamokin where he worked in the store of his brother and also attended the Shamokin High School. Returning to his home subsequently he attended a subscription school and also taught a school in the township for six terms. He then attended Gratz Academy for two summers, teaching in the winters, and finally entered the State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., from which he graduated in 1881. He then taught schools in Quakeke, Schuylkill County, and in Barry township in the same county, returning to the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown in the spring of 1883 where for one term he was professor of mathematics. Mr. Seiler then removed to Shamokin and took a position in his brother's store and in 1886 he became the junior partner of the firm and he is now very active in the management of the large business. Mr. Seiler is also a member of the firm of D. G. Seiler & Co., commission merchants of Shamokin. In politics he is a Republican and has served on the Shamokin school board, representing the Third Ward. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church and for ten years has been secretary of its consistory. Mr. Seiler married Fietta Herb on July 6, 1886, and to them have been born three children: Grace Viola, born April 4, 1888; Lottie Pearl, born September 11, 1889; and Lloyd Russell, born May 17, 1895.

Daniel G. Seiler, also a brother of our subject, was born on the Seiler homestead in Mahantango township, Schuylkill County, Pa., September 30, 1851. He was educated in the common schools of the township and at the State Normal School in Kutztown, entering



the latter institution when eighteen years of age. Subsequently he taught school in winter, working during summer at his trade as a plasterer, having learned the trade while striving to educate himself. In 1879 Mr. Seiler purchased the interest of W. K. Erdman, the junior member of the firm of Haas & Erdman, general merchants in Shamokin, and joined J. K. Haas in the business under the firm name of Haas & Seiler, which co-partnership successfully continued for several years. Mr. Seiler in 1889 embarked in the produce and commission business in which he is now engaged, being at the head of one of the largest commission houses in Central Pennsylvania, conducted under the firm name, D. G. Seiler & Company. The commission house is admirably situated along the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley railroads at Cleaver street. This produce and fruit business has increased wonderfully since it was established. The firm has consigned to it fruits and general produce from all of the Southern and Northwestern States, and also from California, Mexico, Cuba and the republics of South America. A specialty is made of tropical fruits, but local produce is handled the entire year. Five assistants are kept busy at the big, four-story produce-house and two salesmen are on the road constantly visiting dealers throughout this section of the state. The firm receives shipments of melons as early as June from Georgia, in July from South Carolina and Virginia, and in August from Maryland and New Jersey. Delicious Delaware and Maryland peaches are received in carloads in the season. Mr. Seiler devotes much attention to the buying and attends the fruit and produce auctions in New York City, Baltimore and Philadelphia, which places him on equal footing with commission men in the larger cities and enables him to give his cus-

tomers the best fruits and vegetables the markets in the big cities afford. He makes a specialty of bananas, receiving the fruit direct from the steamers, thus saving much expense which would otherwise be incurred, and, consequently, the people with whom he deals reap corresponding benefit. The bananas are shipped direct to Shamokin in carlots and placed in the produce-house which is fitted with an elevator and well equipped ripening rooms, allowing the firm to provide ripe, half-ripe or green fruit, as the customer may desire. The firm always carries a complete line of butter, eggs, fruits, and country produce, making a specialty of potatoes, of which over 25,000 bushels were sold in a recent season.

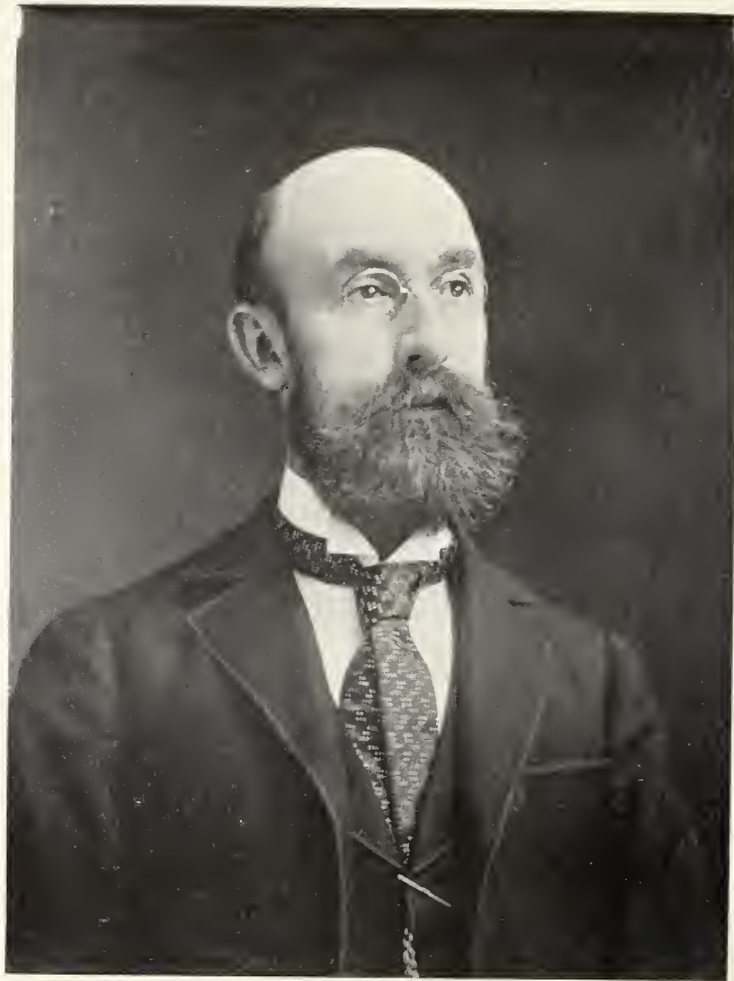
In politics Mr. Daniel G. Seiler is a Republican. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran Church. On October 19, 1876, Mr. Seiler married Jemima, daughter of Rev. H. Weicksel, who organized and for some time was pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Shamokin. To them have been born six children, as follows: Victor, who is a clerk for his father; Walter; Herbert; Stanley; Alma; and Mabel.

A portrait of Emanuel G. Seiler is shown on another page, in proximity to this.

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**W**ILLIAM W. RYON, a prominent and successful attorney of Shamokin, who is interested in several of that town's most important commercial and manufacturing enterprises, was born in Lawrence township, Tioga County, this state, April 29, 1857. He is a son of George L. and Hannah (Hammond) Ryon, and a brother of George W. Ryon, also a prominent attorney of Shamokin, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.





JOHN LLOYD DILLON.

Our subject was reared in the township in which he was born and was educated in the common schools of Tioga County and at the Mansfield (Pa.) State Normal School, from which he graduated in June, 1874. Soon after his graduation Mr. Ryon entered the office of his brother George W., in Shamokin, and read law, being admitted to the bar of Northumberland County in March, 1878. For a short time he practiced his profession, which he practically abandoned to accept an appointment as a deputy sheriff by Sheriff William M. Weaver, under whom he served three years, continuing in the position for three months longer under Mr. Weaver's successor in office, John C. Morgan. Retiring from the sheriff's office Mr. Ryon resumed the practice of his profession and subsequently was admitted to practice in the Supreme and the Superior courts of this state.

Mr. Ryon is a director in the Shamokin Street Railway Company, of which he was one of the original holders of stock. He is president of the Shamokin Valley Telephone Company, of which he was one of the organizers. He also is a director in the Shamokin Silk Throwing Company, which was incorporated in December, 1898. Our subject is attorney for the First National Bank of Shamokin and also attorney for the Union and Home Building & Loan Associations, of which he was one of the original promoters. He is a leading member of the Shamokin Board of Trade, having been connected with the organization since its inception.

In 1892 Mr. Ryon was united in matrimony to Sue May, daughter of Isaac May, of Shamokin, and to them have been born two children, Charles A., born November 10, 1884, and now attending the Georgetown College, at Georgetown, D. C., and Mary M., born June 29, 1892.

Politically Mr. Ryon is an active and influential Democrat. He is a leading member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, of Shamokin.

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JOHN LLOYD DILLON, whose reputation as a florist extends not only throughout the vicinity of Bloomsburg, where he has the largest greenhouses in Central Pennsylvania, but throughout the United States, is a son of Patrick and Mary (Emmerson) Dillon, and was born in Bloomsburg July 7, 1851.

Patrick Dillon was born near Dublin, Ireland, and when eighteen years of age came to America. Later he located in Bloomsburg and became a clerk in the Irondale Company store, where he remained for eighteen years. He was united in marriage with Mary Emmerson, a daughter of John Emmerson and a native of England. After leaving the store he bought the Dimm farm of twenty acres on the hill north of the Normal School, where he successfully engaged in farming and trucking, having quite an extensive market in Bloomsburg and surrounding towns. The last two years of his life were spent in retirement and he died at the age of seventy-three years. He was the progenitor of two sons: John Lloyd, the subject of this biographical sketch, and Thomas Emmerson, a photographer, of Scranton, Pa.

John Lloyd Dillon attended the public schools of Bloomsburg and also the Bloomsburg Literary Institute, and at the age of twenty-one years became a partner with his father in the gardening business. He was an active young business man, and after a period of three years started in business for himself. He built a greenhouse, 20 by 60 feet, this being the first to be built in Bloomsburg.



and in a short time acquired a large local trade. During the winter months he raised lettuce, which found a large and ready sale. His success in this direction prompted him to cultivate flowers, which he did on a very small scale at first, selling potted plants and cut flowers. He eventually turned his whole attention to flowers, and in 1879 bought a tract of ten acres adjoining his father's land on the north side of the Normal School of Miss Alice Snyder, and there he has since conducted the Normal Hill Greenhouse. He removed his greenhouse to the new property and built others, and in 1887 he had 12,000 square feet of glass. He erected a windmill and used the power to drill a well, drilling 150 feet through solid rock, in order to get water to supply the plants. On September 18, 1897, a very severe hailstorm traversed that section of the country and, Mr. Dillon's greenhouses being in its track, the glass was nearly all broken and it took 1,300 boxes of glass to repair the damage. His loss on both plants and glass amounted to nearly \$6,000. The greenhouses at the present time contain about 90,000 square feet of glass and are all heated by steam in the most approved manner. The houses contain all of the modern improvements suitable to carry on the work successfully. The business as now conducted is largely wholesale and the product is shipped to all parts of the United States and Canada. The specialties are plants and rooted cuttings of verbenas and carnations, plants of roses (grafted and on their own roots) for winter flowering, and cut blooms of roses and carnations. In 1898 there were sold 219,000 verbenas, 30,000 roses for winter flowering and 40,000 field-grown carnation plants. During the month of December, 1898, there were cut 26,500 rosebuds. In addition to the ten acres on which his greenhouses were first

built, Mr. Dillon has purchased considerable land and now has ninety acres of the most valuable farming land in the town of Bloomsburg, situated on Normal Hill, overlooking the built-up portion of the town of Bloomsburg and the beautiful valley of the Susquehanna. He has had it divided into lots and it will no doubt soon contain some of the finest residences of the town. The success with which Mr. Dillon's career has been marked is wholly due to his own efforts, as he began in a lowly way, with little means, and gradually worked his way to the top.

In May, 1873, Mr. Dillon was united in hymeneal bonds with Eliza J. Barkle, a daughter of William Barkle, a native of England, by whom he had three children. Alice M. married Boyd Wells Furman, the assistant at the greenhouses, and they are the parents of two daughters: Josephine D. and Helen H. Max Grant is a student. J. Lloyd died in infancy. Mrs. Dillon died July 30, 1893. He formed a second alliance with Louise Glassell Hutchison, a daughter of Charles Hutchison, of Kingston, in 1895. By this union there has been born a son, Charles Hutchison. Socially, our subject is a member of the American Florists' Society of Philadelphia; the American Carnation Society; the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; and the Bloomsburg Club. He is also a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason. Mr. Dillon and family are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg.

In connection with the above sketch of his life, a portrait of Mr. Dillon is presented on a previous page, in proximity to this.

CLINTON S. SMITH. Prominent among the leading business men of South Danville, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He conducts


a large and well-stocked general store on Sunbury street and also owns considerable property in that vicinity. He is a son of Samuel S. and Sarah (Reed) Smith, and was born in Irish Valley, Shamokin township, Northumberland County, March 2, 1861.

His grandfather, who was a well-known resident of that section of the county, was Morris Smith, whose occupation was that of a miller. Dr. Samuel S. Smith, the father, was born in Northumberland County and early in life decided upon a medical career, studying under the direction of Dr. Joseph Robbins of Elysburg, Pa. He subsequently took a course of study in the University of Pennsylvania of two years' duration, and was graduated from that institution, after which he entered upon his first practice at Hartleton, Union County. After a time he moved to Trevorton, Northumberland County, where he was successfully engaged in practice until his demise, which resulted from a complication of diseases in 1862, at the early age of thirty-four years. He was a man of high principles and ambitions, and his death was a sad blow to his family and many friends. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Sarah Reed, a daughter of Mathias Reed of Irish Valley, Northumberland County, which union resulted in the following issue: Galen, a farmer of Northumberland County; William, an agriculturist and canner; Nelson M., a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; Clinton S., the subject of this personal history; Laura, the wife of Dr. Kline, a well-known physician of Reading; and Clara, who married Lafayette Lechler, a farmer of Gearhart township.

Clinton S. Smith, after attending the public school at Kipps Run and the academy of Danville, taught school for two terms with good results, proving himself an able instructor. He

then turned his attention to farming in Gearhart township, at which he continued for a period of seven years on the old homestead farm. He then removed to South Danville, Pa., where he purchased the general store owned by D. R. Eckman on Sunbury street, which he has since conducted. The building was erected some thirty years ago by Jordan Sober, and is now the property of Peter Gearhart. Mr. Smith has a complete and high-grade stock, and the manner in which he caters to the wishes of his customers has not only added greatly to his patronage but made him many personal and lasting friends as well. In connection with the store, he was deputy postmaster for many years, and in May, 1897, was appointed postmaster and is still serving in that capacity. He owns considerable property in South Danville, including a double house just below Railroad street, and another fine double house on Sunbury street.

Mr. Smith was joined in marriage to Catherine M. Wilson, a daughter of David Wilson, a prominent farmer of Valley township, Montour County, and five children have blessed their union, namely: Viola G.; Nora M.; Nellie; Reed N.; and Bertha. In religious views Mr. and Mrs. Smith are faithful members of the Baptist Church. In politics our subject is a Republican and has always taken an active part in local affairs.

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 WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, the genial and popular proprietor of the Hotel Baldy of Danville, has established an enviable reputation throughout Montour and adjoining counties and his hostelry is widely known as a "haven of rest" for the weary traveler. Mr. Williams was born in the town of Danville, July 7, 1856, and is a son of William M. and Martha (Phillip) Williams.

William M. Williams, the father of our subject, was born in Wales where he was reared and received his education after which he took up the occupation of a farmer and also conducted a hotel. By strict application to business and the practice of economy he accumulated money and in 1847 he possessed the snug sum of six thousand dollars in gold. With commendable foresight he realized the advantages offered on the American Continent and in the year stated immigrated to this country, locating in Pottsville, Pa. Remaining there but a short time, he migrated to Danville, Montour County, where he was employed in a blast-furnace, but seeing that there was no opportunity to better his position, he gave up the work and purchased the Washington House in Danville. He remodeled and enlarged the building and conducted it very successfully for about fifteen years, when he decided to retire from public life, and as a result purchased the Crosley farm in West Hancock township upon which he erected a large barn, rebuilt other buildings, and made many other improvements. He conducted the farm with fair results for two years, at the expiration of which time he rented it and bought a residence in Danville. He next bought the White Horse Hotel, built a large two-story brick addition on an adjoining lot, and there conducted the hotel until his death two years later, aged seventy-two years. He was a man of sterling qualities and might rightfully be termed the architect of his own fortune, as he began life in humble circumstances and at the time of his demise owned considerable property and was well to do. He was united in marriage to Mrs. Martha Phillip, relict of John Phillip who died in England, and a daughter of James and Mary (Evans) Phillip. They reared a family of four children, of whom but two are now living,

namely: Elizabeth, the wife of Lewis Tittle, the proprietor of the White Horse Hotel of Danville; and William C., the subject of this personal history. By her first marriage Mrs. Williams had one daughter, Mary, who is the widow of Charles Green of Danville.

William C. Williams, our subject, after completing a course in the public schools of Danville, engaged in the huckstering business which he followed for a period of five years. Like his father he was of an ambitious nature and was dissatisfied until some advancement marked his career. He was a very industrious worker and was successful from the start. In 1879 he took charge of the White Horse Hotel and conducted it until 1891 when he purchased the Hotel Baldy, a handsome four-story brick structure on Mill street, containing twenty-three finely furnished rooms. The rooms are all large, with high ceilings, well-lighted and ventilated, and equipped with steam heat, baths and all modern conveniences for the pleasure of the traveling public. This hostelry under the efficient guidance of Mr. Williams immediately sprang into popularity, which has constantly increased as he became better known throughout this section of the state. One of the pleasantest features of this house is the unexcelled table, upon which appear viands that would satisfy the wants of a king. The culinary department is under the supervision of the landlord's hospitable wife, and much of the popularity of the hotel is due to her efficiency in this department. Mr. Williams is genial and good natured, wideawake as to his interests and the comfort of his patrons, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Caroline Shultz in 1877 and they are the proud parents of two sons, as follows: Prof. William Joseph, a musician of merit who is







WILLIAM CLAYTON MASON.

organist in Christ's Episcopal Church, born November 29, 1878; and Lewis Perry, who first saw the light of day September 25, 1894. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Houk) Shultz, and a granddaughter of Martin and Barbara (Brown) Shultz. Martin Shultz, who was a shoemaker by trade, passed to his eternal reward in 1848, aged sixty-four years, and his worthy wife died at the age of fifty-four years. Their union resulted in the following issue: Crescence; Magdalene; Catherine; and Joseph.

Joseph Shultz, who has charge of the Beaver estate of Danville, has always been a gardener, receiving excellent training in that line of work in the garden of a large castle in Germany, when a young man. After his marriage to Josephine Houk, a daughter of Joseph Houk, they sailed for America on the "Trumble," landing in New York City in 1853. They settled at Marietta, Lancaster County, Pa., where he was employed in a furnace for seven years, after which they moved to Baltimore, Md., where he followed gardening until 1863. In that year he moved to Danville and became manager of the grounds and hot-house of the Beaver mansion, which responsible position he has since held, with the exception of brief intervals when he resigned his position, but each time was persuaded to again take up the management of the place. The grounds have always presented a beautiful appearance and show the excellent character of his work. Upon the death of Mr. Beaver, the entire estate was placed under his management. Mr. Shultz is the father of the following children: Joseph, who died young; Clara C., the wife of our subject; Lena, who married R. Detrick; and William, a mechanic, who married Jennie Burns.

Mr. Williams is a member of Lotus Con-

clave, No. 127, I. O. H.; and of the Elks. Politically he supports the principles of the Republican party.

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**W**ILLIAM CLAYTON MASON. Prominent among the civil engineers and surveyors of this section of the state, is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this narrative and whom we represent with a portrait on the opposite page, who is pursuing that profession in Sullivan County, making his headquarters in the town of Laporte. Our subject has followed this profession nearly all his life, having learned it during his boyhood days by working with his father who was also a civil engineer and surveyor. This highly esteemed citizen was born on the site of his present home, July 11, 1853, and is a son of William A. and Mary A. (Cheney) Mason, and grandson of Eliphalet and Roxy (Fowler) Mason.

This prosperous family is supposed to have originated from one of three brothers, John, Robert and Nathaniel, who emigrated from England during Cromwell's war. These three brothers settled in Ashford, Windham County, Conn., where they purchased farms and engaged in farming; it is thought that this branch of the family sprang from Robert Mason, whose farm remained in possession of his descendants until after the time of Ebenezer Mason, the great-grandfather of our subject, after whose death the farm passed through many different hands. Ebenezer married Mary Hastings and they reared seven sons and three daughters; three of the sons, David, William and Alva settled in Philadelphia; Eliphalet, Ebenezer and Chester located in Monroetown, Bradford County, Pa., and the remaining son, Rufus, settled in New York State, near Johnstown.

Eliphalet Mason, our subject's grandfather, was born June 23, 1780, and was named after his uncle, Eliphalet, who was a Revolutionary soldier and died in a prison-ship in New York harbor. Our subject's grandfather prepared himself for the ministry but later took up surveying and followed that profession the greater part of his active days. He resided in Bradford County, Pa., during his early life and in connection with his profession he taught penmanship, being an expert with the quill, and also taught singing, during the years 1822 and 1823. Later he moved to Monroetown, Pa., near which place he built a grist-mill which he operated until his death; the mill is now situated within the limits of the town called Masontown, named in honor of our subject's grandfather. Eliphalet was wedded June 22, 1802, to Zilpah Coburn, who passed from this life shortly after their marriage; he was again married October 22, 1804, with Roxy Fowler, who was born July 16, 1786, and who died February 15, 1851. Our subject's grandfather died March 11, 1855. He was the father of the following children: Zilpah, born June 26, 1806; Roxy, born December 10, 1807; Gordon, born January 19, 1810; Rufus, born January 31, 1812; Eliphalet H., born April 28, 1815; William A., the father of our subject; Samuel A., born March 22, 1821; and Mary, born August 13, 1824.

William A. Mason, father of our subject, was born in Towanda, Pa., September 29, 1818, and his boyhood days were spent attending the district schools and working with his father learning the profession of a civil engineer and surveyor, which profession he made his life's work and so thoroughly mastered it that his surveys and charts are of great value to-day. In 1848, when the town of Laporte originated, Mr. Mason located in that little village where he laid out the town;

he also did much surveying throughout Sullivan and adjoining counties. He erected a frame house on the site where our subject resides; it was the third house built in the village and is now standing on an adjoining lot. He continued in his profession all his life, with the exception of one year when he was engaged in the photograph business at Towanda. At the expiration of that time he returned to Laporte, where he followed his profession until 1868 when he removed to Montour and was resident engineer for the S. L. & S. R. R. for about three years, when he returned to Laporte. Mr. Mason was widely known throughout the county as a man of sterling worth, and he was a man of much weight as his opinion and judgment was often sought by his fellow-citizens. He served as associate judge of Sullivan County; was the first justice of the peace of Laporte, in which capacity he remained many years; was county treasurer, and also held the office of postmaster. Mr. Mason was called from this earth January 7, 1892, and his demise was deeply lamented by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who held him in high esteem. He was united in marriage with Mary A. Cheney, a daughter of Abel and Priscilla Cheney, who was born in Cortland, N. Y., October 28, 1820. Her parents removed to the state of Pennsylvania when she was a small girl. Her father was a bricklayer by vocation. The mother of our subject resides in her beautiful home in Laporte and is a lady well preserved for one of her years, not having a single gray hair in her head, and looks much younger than her age signifies. She was a faithful wife, is a kind and loving mother and a good neighbor, and is highly respected by a host of friends and acquaintances. She is the mother of the following children: Ethlen M., a teacher, born No-



vember 17, 1842; Ida Adel, born July 11, 1845, was the wife of Warren T. Waters, and died September 26, 1891; Mary Ellen, born November 22, 1847, and died in 1874; Will E., born May 18, 1850, and died two years later; William Clayton, the subject of this personal history; and Gordon Hastings, born June 22, 1861, and died in 1863.

William Clayton Mason, our subject, acquired a good education in the public and private schools of his native town and at the Mannsville Normal School. His leisure hours were spent working with his father, learning the profession of a civil engineer and surveyor, and he continued to work with him throughout his early life and upon his father's death he succeeded him in the work. Our subject also studied under Rev. H. Armstrong, a prominent Presbyterian clergyman and an excellent instructor.

Mr. Mason has been very successful in his chosen profession and is the possessor of many valuable maps and charts; he has all the field notes of the late Michael Meylert who made surveys of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wyoming, Bradford, Pike, Wayne, Tioga and Sullivan counties; he has the field notes of his father of the above counties and of Columbia, Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and other counties; has Baird's book of maps on the lands of the Asylum Company; and notes and maps of the late Gordon F. Mason of Towanda, Pa. Our subject is chief engineer for the W. & N. B. R. R. and is also chief engineer for the Eagles Mere R. R., and is the most prominent civil engineer and surveyor in Sullivan County. It was under his supervision that the W. & N. B. R. R. was constructed from Halls to Nordmont; he also located the line from the latter place to Satterfield, the eastern terminal. The road was built, practically, on his location.

On December 20, 1881, Mr. Mason was wedded to Eliza Stormont, a daughter of Robert Stormont of Laporte, Pa., who was born May 31, 1860, and died October 15, 1895, leaving the following children: Mary Irene, born December 2, 1882; William Robert, born August 24, 1885; Ethelyn Ione, born January 9, 1889; and Marjorie Ida, born August 14, 1894. Our subject in politics, as was his father, is an ardent Republican and has served fifteen years as justice of the peace. Fraternally he is a member and past chief patriarch of the Encampment, I. O. O. F., and district deputy grand patriarch of Sullivan County.

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**DR.** SAMUEL Y. THOMPSON, M. D., who has ably attended the citizens of Danville in his medical practice more years than any other physician and surgeon now residing in that borough, and who is now serving his second term as associate judge of Montour County, was born in Danville, October 29, 1843, and is a son of John G. and Hannah (Yorks) Thompson.

William Thompson, the grandfather of our subject, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a native of Ireland. With his brother Hugh he bade farewell to his native country and came to the United States, locating in Berwick, Pa. Later he settled in Espy, Columbia County, Pa., and, having learned the trade of potter during his boyhood days, established a plant and began the manufacture of pottery, which business he continued until his death, which occurred at the age of sixty years. He was twice married and was the progenitor of three sons: John G., William, and Hugh.

John G. Thompson, the father of our subject, was born in Espy where he spent his younger days, attending school and assisting



his father in his work. Attaining his manhood he went to Bloomsburg, and learning the tailor's trade he worked as a journeyman several years. Locating in Danville he conducted a merchant tailor-shop on Bloom street for ten years, when he sold his shop to his son-in-law, J. B. Crawford, and retired from active life. He purchased the J. K. West residence and resided there until his death. He was united in marriage to Hannah Yorks, a daughter of Samuel Yorks who was an early settler of Danville. Three children blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson: Dr. Samuel York Thompson, the subject of this narrative; Margaret E., the wife of J. B. Gearhart; and John P., a druggist of Stockton, Colo. The father of our subject passed from this life aged eighty years; his wife entered the unknown beyond at the age of sixty-three years.

Dr. Samuel York Thompson acquired a good education in the schools of his native town and then studied medicine under Dr. P. H. Long of Mechanicsburg, Pa. Entering the Long Island Hospital of Brooklyn he was graduated in 1866, and one year later he commenced practicing his chosen profession at Danville where he soon established a large and lucrative practice. In connection with his medical practice he owns and operates a drug-store which alone yields him a handsome income. Had he not been blessed with Nature's best gift, a large and finely-developed body, a strong constitution and a disposition to make the best of all things, he never could have stood the enormous practice he has acquired, but to-day finds him in the best of health. At No. 345 Mill street the Doctor owns a large two-story block, and upon the first floor is located his drug-store, which is the finest in Danville, and on the second floor are his parlors and examining rooms.

Dr. Thompson is now serving his second term as associate judge of Montour County, and has served two terms as burgess. He was united in the bonds of matrimony with Annie E. Ege, a daughter of Rev. Oliver Ege of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and they are the parents of two children, Margaret Florence, the wife of Dr. C. Shultz of Danville, and Kate Olive. Our subject is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 780, I. O. O. F., and past sachem of Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, I. O. R. M.

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JUDGE HENRY DIVEL. Prominent among the progressive and energetic business men of the town of Danville is the above-named gentleman who is a member of the firm Hoffman & Divel, the largest meat dealers in Montour County. He was born in Milton, Pa., December 26, 1839, and is a son of Joseph and Maria (Bowers) Divel, and a grandson of Joseph Divel.

Joseph Divel, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany, and was a butcher and marketman of Wurtemberg, Germany, all his life. Joseph Divel, the father of our subject, was also born in Germany, and followed the trade of a butcher all his active days. In 1839 Joseph immigrated to the United States and settled in New York City; later he moved to Milton, Pa., where some of his relatives resided. He next went to Harrisburg where he worked as a journeyman for a short time and then returned to Milton, where he formed a partnership with Jacob Bowers and opened a butcher shop. They continued that business for two years and then dissolved partnership, and Mr. Divel moved to Danville, where he remained but a short time, when he went to Mooresburg; there he engaged in the meat business and

carried on that line until his death, which occurred in 1885 at the age of seventy-five years. Our subject's father was twice united in marriage, his first wife was Maria Bowers, a native of Germany, and they reared two children: Henry, the subject of this personal history; and Mary, the wife of John Moyer of Milton, Pa. Mr. Divel chose for his second wife, Catherine Griff, who bore him the following children: Sophia, wife of Robert Mills of Lockhaven, Pa.; Joanna, who wedded Simon L. Ritter of Mooresburg, Pa.; Joseph F., a veteran of the Rebellion; and three who died in their infancy.

Henry Divel received a liberal education in the common schools of his native town and at the age of sixteen years worked with his father, learning the trade of a butcher, which business he has since followed to the present time. In 1859 he removed to Danville and worked as a journeyman for Moyer & Lyon for six years and seven months, and during his employment with this firm, he never lost but one week's work and that was owing to a felon on one of his fingers. July 4, 1865, in company with John Rockfellow, he opened and conducted a butcher shop at No. 334 Mill street. April 1, 1875, Theodore Hoffman, whose sketch may also be found in this Book of Biographies, purchased the interest of Mr. Rockfellow, and the firm has since been known as Hoffman & Divel. The firm has since erected new stables and built a large slaughter-house 50 by 80 feet on Montgomery street; also has a stock-yard 200 by 80 feet, and as the firm makes large shipments to the western part of the state, the D., L. & W. R. R. laid a side-track to its yards.

Mr. Divel was united in Hymen's bonds to Barbara Fleckenstein, a daughter of Peter Fleckenstein, and their home has been blessed by the following children: Emma, wife of

S. G. Johnson, a large real estate dealer of Carthage, Mo.; Elizabeth, who was wedded to W. L. Sidler, register and recorder of Montour County, Pa.; Lilly May, united in marriage to Henry Woolheater, a farmer of Union County, Pa.; Charlotte; Maggie; Laura; Ella; Minnie; Joseph; and Annie. Our subject owns a handsome residence, No. 404 Church street, which he makes his home; also two large tenement houses. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church of Danville; politically he is an earnest adherent of Democratic principles and lends the weight of influence to the support of his party. He enjoys the confidence and respect of his townsmen, and has served one term in the town council, and was associate judge from 1890 to 1895, and was re-elected in 1895 for his second term. Socially Judge Divel is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., and is past master of the same.

PETER S. KASHNER, one of the most energetic and progressive farmers of Montour township, Columbia County, is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Strohm) Kashner, and was born in Cooper township, Montour County, August 29, 1835. The Kashner family originally came from Germany and its members were among the early settlers of Berks County, with whose growth and advancement they have been closely connected for many years.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was one of the pioneer settlers of Montour County, locating at the head of Stony Run Hollow, Cooper township, when that country was one vast timberland; he spent his entire life in clearing and cultivating his farm and many of his descendants are still residents of that vicinity. Before leaving Berks County he

was united in marriage and reared a large family of children, one of whom was Daniel, the father of our subject.

Daniel Kashner was born on the old homestead in Cooper township, and at an early age learned the trade of a carpenter. He followed that occupation for a few years but finally turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in Montour township, Columbia County, near the town of Catawissa. He owned sixty acres of fine land and was one of the substantial men of that community. He was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. Religiously he was an active member of the Lutheran Church which he liberally supported financially and otherwise. He was overtaken by the silent reaper, Death, in 1875, at the age of sixty-six years. He was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Elizabeth Strohm, a daughter of Abraham Strohm, a farmer in what is now Mahoning township, Montour County, and this happy union was blessed by the birth of nine children: Peter S., the subject of this sketch; Caroline, wife of Nathaniel Krum of Catawissa; Elizabeth, relict of Lloyd Miller of Catawissa; Harriet, the wife of John Peifer of Bloomsburg; William, who is a superintendent in the blacksmithing department of the Bloomsburg Car Shops; Amos, a laborer of Catawissa; and three who died.

Peter S. Kashner was reared on the farm where he remained for several years, and received his education in the common schools. Upon leaving the parental homestead he engaged in boating for a couple of seasons, after which he engaged in burning lime in Montour township for about eight years, or until 1872, when he located upon his present farm. For the first ten years he not only cultivated his own farm but also a large farm, lying along the banks of the river, which he rented. He

was a hard, industrious worker and, being a successful manager, he soon accumulated a handsome competency. In 1882 he gave up the large farm and has since conducted the one which he now owns, consisting of forty acres of good land and well supplied with all the necessary buildings for successful farming. He is now leading a quiet life devoting most of his time to dairy work. He also owns another tract of ten acres which he rents.

In 1856 our subject led to the altar Eliza Breisch, a daughter of Samuel Breisch, late a farmer of Cooper township, Montour County, and one child was born to their union, who died in infancy. They have always had a marked fondness for children, however, and have reared two orphans, Mrs. George Shaffer and I. W. Baylor, a well-to-do farmer of Montour township. Politically Mr. Kashner takes an active interest in the Democratic party, and has held the offices of school director, supervisor, constable, collector, auditor, and judge of elections, all of which he has filled in a highly satisfactory manner.

DR. LOUIS J. ADAMS, one of the most prominent and skilful physicians and surgeons of the village of Evansville, Briarcreek township, Columbia County, Pa., and a highly esteemed citizen of that town, was born on his present homestead, March 5, 1849, and is a son of Stephen and Julia Ann (Hutchins) Adams, and grandson of Anthony Adams.

The Adams family is of English descent and Anthony Adams and his three brothers were the first of that name to locate in Briarcreek township. Anthony was the progenitor of one son and five daughters.

Stephen Adams, the father of our subject and his parents' only son, was born in 1818







DANIEL MONTGOMERY BOYD.

and passed from this life on the old homestead in 1860. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed that occupation mostly throughout his active days. Politically he was an ardent Democrat and firmly supported the principles of his chosen party; he has also represented his fellow-townsmen in many township offices. He was a member of the old state militia. Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Julia Ann Hutchins, a native of Briar-creek township, and to this union six children were born, namely: Louis J., the subject of this narrative; Alice S., the wife of Milton Williams of Nescopeck, Luzerne County, Pa.; and four who died in infancy. Our subject's father was one of the progressive citizens of his community, and was held in high esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances.

Dr. Louis J. Adams was educated in the public schools of New Columbus and Orangeville, and at the Bloomsburg Seminary. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching and taught some eight years. In 1874, having determined upon a medical career, he began studying medicine with Dr. J. J. Brown then of Mifflinville, now of Bloomsburg; then, going to Cleveland he entered the Cleveland Medical College where he remained one year. He then entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia from which he was graduated March 10, 1877, after taking a two-years' course. Upon leaving school he returned home, proposing to rest prior to his locating, but he received so many calls that he concluded to remain there and has since built up a very large and lucrative practice. Our subject's practice extends over much of Columbia and Montour counties, and while he has not made any one branch of the profession a specialty, he has been most remarkably successful in the treatment of diphtheria.

Dr. Adams formed a matrimonial alliance

with Clara V. Smith and they were happily wedded June 15, 1882. She is a daughter of the late Isaac Smith who was formerly a farmer of Nescopeck township, but later a retired citizen of Berwick. To Dr. and Mrs. Adams has been born one child, Edna A. Our subject is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M. In religious views he is an active member of the United Evangelical Church. In politics he strongly supports the Democratic party, has served as school director, was secretary of the school board for nine years, and has held several other township offices. Dr. Adams is already recognized as the leading physician of Evansville; he is well read, and takes a worthy pride in striving to become a master of the profession through which disease is made to yield to the ingenuity and the intelligence of man.

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**D**ANIEL MONTGOMERY BOYD, president of the First National Bank and a gentleman closely identified with many industries of Danville, Montour County, Pa., whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is now retired from active business, owing to ill health, and resides with his family in his handsome home, No. 5 Bloom street.

The Boyd family for many years past has been connected with all of the important business projects in the vicinity of Danville and is accredited with having done much toward elevating the borough to its present standing among the industrial communities in Pennsylvania. The annals of history accord the family due credit for establishing one of the first railroads in that section, thus making possible communication with other markets and indirectly promoting all business enterprises. Our subject is recognized the county

over as a man of sterling worth to the community and his friends are without number. He is a son of John C. and Hannah (Montgomery) Boyd, and was born in Rush township, Northumberland County, Pa., April 23, 1826.

The family was established in this country by our subject's great-grandfather, William Boyd, who with his brother, Thomas, left his native home at Armagh, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1732. He was of Scotch-Irish parentage and was an adherent to the faith of the Protestants. He settled near the Half-Way House in New Garden township, Chester County, Pa., and on March 26, 1773, was appointed justice of the peace under King George and served in that capacity during the remainder of his life. He was also a member of the provincial council and his name appeared for the last time upon the records in 1761. He was a faithful member and officer of the Presbyterian Church at Fagg's Manor, Chester County. Late in life he moved to the village of Oxford where he resided until his death in 1767. He reared the following children: James; John; William; Jane; Mary; and Hannah.

John Boyd, the grandfather of our subject, served an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade, but upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary War he enlisted in the army and served until he received his honorable discharge in 1782, proving himself a man of valor and one in whom his country could place dependence. He was subsequently appointed general of the First Brigade, Third Division, of the Pennsylvania State Militia by the governor of the state. After his marriage on December 18, 1782, he established a tannery at West Fallowfield, Chester County, Pa., which he conducted with much success. He served in the legislature many years. He was a ruling elder

in the Presbyterian Church at Fagg's Manor for a period of twenty years. He married Mary Cowan, a daughter of James Cowan of Octoraro, Chester County, and they reared the following children: Jane; Joseph; William; James; John C.; Mary; Hannah; and Eliza.

John C. Boyd, father of the subject of this biography, was joined in marriage, on May 18, 1820, with Hannah Montgomery, a daughter of Gen. Daniel Montgomery, after whom the borough of Danville was named. He then settled in Danville and conducted a store, where his wife's father had previously lived, until 1824 when he sold out and removed to what is now known as the Boyd farm, a gift to Mrs. Boyd from her father at the time of her marriage. There he erected a large mansion and continually added to the land until he possessed a farm of nine hundred acres, nearly all of which was under cultivation. Ably supported by his sons and Gen. Montgomery, Mr. Boyd planned many projects to promote the interests of the town and aid in its growth, the most important of these being for the construction of the Danville & Pottsville Railroad. It was he who first conceived the idea of using wooden rails. It is not to be imagined however that he did not encounter many difficulties in this enterprise, but with renewed energy and characteristic good judgment he finally obtained the desired results. He also built a furnace on a tract of land at Shamokin, Northumberland County, and this he operated with good success. He was a man of irreproachable character, dignified, and at all times courteous, and there were few who could boast of more friends or who were accorded a higher degree of confidence by their fellow citizens. His useful life was terminated August 18, 1849, at the age of fifty-six years, as the result of an attack of dysen-



tery. Mr. Boyd and his wife became the proud parents of seven children: Mary L., the wife of William Neal, proprietor of the Neal Furnace of Bloomsburg; Daniel Montgomery, the subject of this biographical record; H. Eliza, deceased; James, who married Louise Yeomans, a daughter of Rev. J. W. Yeomans; J. Alexander, who married a Miss Titus and resides in Philadelphia; Christianna, the wife of Col. William McClure; and Joseph C., who married Anna Butler, a daughter of William Butler of Danville.

Daniel Montgomery Boyd received a good education in the Danville Academy and shortly after leaving school he became a coal dealer at Pottsville, Pa., and also engaged in opening and developing mines in the Shamokin Coal Basin. He and his partner in business were among the first to introduce the improved coal-breakers in that section. In 1862 he went to Havre-de-Grace and conducted business under the name of Hilles, Boyd & Company, selling coal and shipping it by vessel to various points in the South and West; as this proved a very remunerative occupation he continued it until 1881 when he was obliged to relinquish it owing to ill health. Our subject lived in retirement for some time in Danville, but as soon as his health permitted he associated in many important business ventures. He became president of the First National Bank of Danville, president of the Danville Nail Manufacturing Company, and is a liberal supporter financially of all worthy enterprises. He was also president of the board of trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane, but recently resigned that office. He continued to improve in health until the winter of 1897-98, when he took to his bed, owing to an attack of la grippe which left him in a very weak condition.

Mr. Boyd has twice married, his first wife

being Caroline A. Bockius, a daughter of Samuel Bockius of Germantown, Pa., to whom he was united in 1869. After her death in 1876 he formed a second matrimonial alliance with Ida Cottrell, a daughter of Joseph W. and Esther A. (Sloan) Cottrell, he being a prosperous hardware merchant of Columbia, Pa. This union resulted in the birth of two children: Daniel Montgomery, deceased; and Elsie M. Mr. Boyd and his family are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee.

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**G**EORGE E. MOOREHEAD. Among the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the town of Berwick, a man highly respected for his many sterling qualities, is the subject of this narrative, who is foreman of the pipe foundry of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company. He was born at Pine Grove, Cumberland County, Pa., September 29, 1835, and is a son of William B. and Susan (Deemer) Moorehead, and grandson of Edward Moorehead.

Edward Moorehead the grandfather of our subject, was the father of a large family of children, one of whom was William B., the father of our subject, who learned the trade of a molder and followed it all his life. Mr. Moorehead, with Mr. Samuel Henry, moved to the town of Foundryville, Pa., and there engaged in the making of stoves, bells, plows, etc. They carried on that business for two years when they dissolved partnership and our subject's father moved to York, Pa., where he again took up with his former business. He passed from this life at the age of fifty-seven years. He was united in wedlock to Susan Deemer, a daughter of Peter Deemer, a prominent man of York Springs, Pa., and a shoemaker by trade. Mr. Deemer re-



tired from active life at the age of seventy-two years, and died aged ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Moorehead reared a family of seven children, namely: Amanda L.; George E.; Samuel J., who died in his childhood days; William T., a veteran of the Civil War; John M.; James H., also a veteran of the Rebellion; and Elizabeth.

George E. Moorehead attended the primary schools during his boyhood and at the age of fifteen years he began to learn the trade of a molder from his father. He served an apprenticeship to the molder's trade for three years and then worked at Philadelphia, Foundryville, Scranton and Wyoming as a journeyman until 1857, when he removed to Berwick and worked in the moulding department of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company for about one year. He then found employment in York, Riceville, Pa., and Baltimore, Md., for several years, and in 1864 he returned to Berwick and took up his former position. In 1884 our subject was made foreman of the pipe foundry, which is one of the largest industries of its kind in the state. He has as high as 100 men under his management and they cast from three to sixteen-inch water pipes, and four to sixteen-inch flange or mining pipes, which are from one-half to two inches in thickness, and these pipes are put under 300 pounds' hydraulic pressure before shipping. The foundry also turns out lamp and hitching posts.

Mr. Moorehead chose for his life companion Falla B. Garney, a daughter of Barney Garney who was a resident of Wyoming, Pa. Mrs. Moorehead entered the unknown beyond at the age of fifty-five years, leaving a large family of children, a kind husband, and a large number of friends to mourn her death. Their children were as follows: John, a molder of Berwick, who married Priscilla Shea who

bore him four children, namely,—Nellie, Ruth, Frank, and Philip; Ella, who is the wife of Joseph Sherwood and the mother of two children, Florence, and Austin; Bernard, who wedded Catherine Krull, and one child blesses their home, Ernest; George, a molder by trade, united in wedlock to Annie Furman, and they are the parents of four children,—Olive, Elizabeth, Richard, and Curtis; Mary, wife of William Lynville, having one child, Lettie M.; and Harriet. Our subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick. He is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

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**T**HEODORE HOFFMAN, of the firm Hoffman & Divel, the largest meat dealers of Montour County, who conduct a shop on the corner of Mill and Mulberry streets, Danville, Pa., is one of the wide-awake and energetic business man of the borough. He was born in Rheinpfalz, Kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, January 28, 1834, and is a son of Frank and Rosanna (Ederitch) Hoffman.

Frank Hoffman was a native of Germany and was a butcher by trade, as were his ancestors. He wedded Rosanna Ederitch and they reared a family of children, one of whom is the subject of this personal history. Our subject possesses a liberal education. During his younger days he worked in the meat-shop owned by his father, and has since followed the trade of a butcher. In 1855 he immigrated to America and for a short time worked as a butcher in New York, Philadelphia and Lewisburg, Pa., and finally located in the town of Danville in 1856, and has since been engaged at his occupation. April 1, 1875, he bought out John Rockfellow, of the firm of

Rockfellow & Divel. The present proprietors are both popular and highly respected citizens of Danville and by their honest methods of dealing have succeeded in establishing a large patronage. They kill on an average of twelve head of cattle per week and always keep a fresh supply of meat in their shop. They have a slaughter-house 50 by 80 feet and a stock-yard 80 by 200 feet, located on Montgomery street, and ship extensively to the western part of the state.

Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Elizabeth Gouchu, a daughter of Frederick Gouchu. She passed from this life at the age of fifty-two years, leaving the following children: Henry, who died at the age of five years; Theodore, a butcher; Frank, who is prospecting in the Western States; George, a teamster residing in Danville; Simon, a butcher by trade and a resident of Danville; John, who is also prospecting in the West; Louise; Lena; Lizzie; Caroline; Mary; and Clara. Our subject owns a handsome residence, No. 200 Mulberry street, which he has acquired by his own industry and economy. He has served one year as a policeman, and is now overseer of the poor of Montour County. Mr. Hoffman is a self-made man, and has made a bright mark in the community of which he is a member. His energy and enterprise have already been productive of the best results, and a natural and inherited perseverance insures for him unlimited success in the future.

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**A**BRAM R. BOWER. This highly respected citizen of the town of Berwick is a retired merchant, now enjoying the fruits of his early toil and living quietly in his comfortable home on West Second street. He was born in Center town-

ship, Columbia County, Pa., October 30, 1831, and is a son of Abraham and Ellen (Remley) Bower, and a grandson of Michael Bower.

Michael Bower was a native of Germany, and at the age of thirteen years he left his home in Saxony, Germany, and came to America, and located in Kutztown, Berks County, Pa. After his marriage to a Miss Hill he moved to Columbia County and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of Mr. Desser, which is now the property of John Fester. He successfully carried on the pursuits of an agriculturist and was one of the prominent men of Berks County. He was the father of the following children: Jacob; Michael; Solomon; Daniel; Philena; Catherine; and Abraham.

Abraham Bower, the father of our subject, was born in Kutztown, Berks County, Pa., and during his early manhood he moved to Center township, Columbia County, where he purchased a farm of fifty acres, which is now the property of Mr. Wolverton. He immediately erected a set of new buildings and successfully carried on general farming. He also followed the occupation of a stonemason, which trade he had learned in his youth. He was joined in wedlock to Ellen Remley, a daughter of Michael and Susan Remley, both natives of Berks County, Pa. Later they moved to Columbia County and located in Center township where they spent the remainder of their days. Mrs. Bower's father died at the age of eighty-nine years and her mother passed from this earth at the advanced age of ninety-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Bower were born the following children: Samuel, deceased; Phoebe, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Miller; Rachel, who wedded John Sloan; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Caleb Fowler; William, deceased;

Abraham and Susanna, deceased, who reached maturity; Lavina, deceased, who was united in marriage to George Johnson; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Evans; Ellen, deceased; Aaron, a Methodist minister residing at Mattamora, Ill.; Hiram R., the subject of this sketch; Matilda, deceased, who twice married,—her first husband was George Johnson and after his death she was wedded to Daniel Bahr. Mr. Bower died at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother of our subject died aged sixty-four years. Mr. Bower was an unwavering Democrat and served his fellow-citizens as supervisor and as a school director.

Our subject was educated in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he attained the age of twenty-two years, during which time he was preparing himself for the ministry, but, on account of poor health, he was obliged to give up his studies. Later he entered a mercantile store and was engaged as a clerk for ten years. In 1864 he associated with Isaiah Bower and M. E. Jackson, and under the name of I. & H. R. Bower they conducted a mercantile store on the corner of Front and Mulberry streets. The firm conducted the business under the above name until 1870 when Mr. Jackson retired. In 1880 our subject became sole proprietor and successfully carried on the business until 1891 when he wisely concluded to retire from active labor and care and leave the field open to younger and more vigorous men. Mr. Bower has bought and sold considerable property and is still the owner of several fine tenement houses; he also owns a handsome residence on West Second street which he makes his home.

Mr. Bower has served in the town council a number of years and has been secretary of the council for six years; president of

the board of health; and secretary of the Berwick Cemetery Association twelve years. He chose for his life companion Rebecca Martz, a daughter of John Martz, a resident of Briar-creek township, Columbia County. As a result of this union five children were born to them, namely: Layman F., treasurer of the Dickson Locomotive Works of Scranton, Pa., who united in marriage to Gertrude Henninger who bore him four children,—Florence, Russell, Harold, and Layman, Jr.; Aaron B., a Methodist minister residing at Scranton, Pa., who wedded Harriet Garney and three children were born to them, namely,—Helen, Harriet, and Wallace; Frank, who died aged three years; Minnie, who is the wife of William C. Smith of Tarrytown, N. Y., and has one child, Lenora; and Elizabeth, who wedded Luther W. Mendenhall of Pittsburg, Pa., and is the mother of one child, Luther W.

Our subject is a member of the Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and is also past grandmaster of the same. Mr. Bower and family are all members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject occupies an enviable position in his community as a good citizen, and is held in high esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances. Mr. Bower has served one year as president of the County Sunday School Association and is now holding the office of county fieldsman. At the State Sunday School Convention of 1898 he was elected president of the Sixth District, comprising Columbia, Luzerne and Wyoming counties.

PHILIP PETERMAN is one of the leading and enterprising business men of Sullivan County, Pa., and has for the past two years been successfully engaged in merchandising in the village of







GENERAL JOHN KAY CLEMENT.



COLONEL CHARLES M. CLEMENT.



Nordmont. He is a native of Laporte township, that county, his birth occurring February 11, 1870, and is a son of James and Hannah J. (Hunter) Peterman.

James Peterman was born and reared in Sugarloaf township, Columbia County, Pa., and was a son of Benjamin Peterman, who was a well-to-do farmer of Columbia County. James received a common-school education and in early life purchased a farm in his native township and carried on agricultural pursuits. In 1861 our subject's father was offered a profitable price for his farm; accepting the same he moved to Sullivan County and purchased a new and uncultivated tract of land; he cleared a portion of his purchase and carried on both farming and lumbering with marked success. He passed to the unknown beyond at the age of fifty-nine years. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Hannah J. Hunter, a daughter of John Hunter, a well-to-do and prosperous citizen of Sullivan County. As a result of this happy union ten children were born, as follows: Jennie; Carrie; Minard; Philip, the subject of this biography; Susie; Shadrach; Glen, who is operating the homestead; Alice; Chester; and Harry. Our subject's mother resides on the homestead with her son and is surrounded by many friends, who hold her in high esteem. Mr. Peterman was well known and took an active interest in local politics, giving his support in favor of the principles of the Democratic party. He served as supervisor, tax collector, overseer of the poor, and school director. Religiously, he and his family were members of the Methodist Church.

Philip Peterman, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood on his father's farm and acquired a liberal education in the public schools of his native township. In 1896 he removed to the village of Nordmont and bought out the mercantile store of M. W. Botsford.

On September 11, 1897, the store was destroyed by fire, and, although our subject met with a severe loss, he immediately rebuilt and has greatly increased his stock, now owning and conducting one of the best general stores in his section of the country. Our subject also owned a part interest in the Temperance Hotel, conducted by his brother Minard, which was also destroyed by fire. He is now erecting a modern hotel, 30 by 40 feet, three stories high, and when completed it will be one of the finest hotels in the village. Mr. Peterman is recognized as one of the valued members of the community and lends his influence toward all enterprises that tend to advance the interests of his adopted village. He is an honest, upright citizen, and enjoys the confidence and respect of a host of acquaintances. In his political views he upholds the principles of the Democratic party, both by acts and ballot. Socially, he is a member of the P. O. S. of A., whilst religiously he is a member of the Evangelical Church.

GENERAL JOHN KAY CLEMENT, deceased, was one of the most prominent criminal lawyers of the state of Pennsylvania and participated in many of the most famous cases tried in the section in which he lived. He lived at Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., where he acquired a very extensive practice, mainly criminal, and was for many years a well-known figure in the public eye. He was a son of Evan C. and Hannah (Kay) Clement, and was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, 1820.

Gen. Clement descended from a prominent family of Quakers in England, the earliest ancestor of whom we have any record being Gregory Clement, who was one of the famous body of Regicides and with four others was



hanged. When Gregory was arrested in 1660, his son James escaped and emigrated from his native country to America, landing on Long Island. He subsequently located in Camden County, N. J., near Camden, where he founded the village of Clementon nearly 150 years ago. He became a large landowner and surveyor and his descendants continued at that occupation for a number of generations following. His companion in the pathway of life was Sarah Field and among the children who blessed their union was one Jacob. Jacob Clement married Ann Harrison and they were the parents of Samuel Clement, the great-grandfather of our subject.

Samuel Clement, the great-grandfather, married Rebecca Collins, a grand-daughter of Francis Collins, who came to America in 1688, locating in New Jersey, where he became a man of distinction. He served for a time in the capacity of a judge and was a member of the Provincial Legislature of New Jersey.

Samuel Clement, the grandfather of our subject, married Mary Foster and they reared Evan C., the father of our subject, who was born in Camden County, N. J. In connection with his father, Evan engaged in the manufacture of glass and became a man of considerable means. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, serving with the rank of sergeant-major. He was a life-long resident of Camden County, dying there in 1827, at the age of thirty-seven years. He was united in marriage with Hannah Kay, a daughter of John Kay, who was a great-grandson of John Kay, the first settler of the name, who was several years speaker of the Provincial Assembly of New Jersey. John Kay, the father of Mrs. Clement, married Kesiah Thorne, a daughter of Capt. Joseph Thorne, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

Gen. John Kay Clement, the subject of this

biography, was but seven years of age when his father died and, as the latter had failed a short time previous to death, John was thrown upon his own resources at that youthful age. He received his early education in the Friends' School at Philadelphia, and at the age of eighteen years entered upon the study of law, a profession for which he proved himself eminently fitted. He studied in the office of his cousin, Richard Howell, of Camden, N. J., and at the age of twenty-one years was admitted to the bar at Trenton, N. J., in 1841. Shortly thereafter he removed to Schuylkill County, Pa., making his home first at Minersville and subsequently at Pottsville. While residing in that county he was made brigadier-general of the state militia, and he also practiced law there until 1854. when he moved to Sunbury, Northumberland County. Being a man of unusual power and eloquence as a speaker and pleader, he had by this time attracted considerable attention as a lawyer, and in 1859 he was elected district attorney of Northumberland County. He was re-elected to that office in 1871, and received an appointment to the same office in 1877. He practiced law to the exclusion of everything else, making a specialty of criminal law, up to the time of his death, and he took rank among the leading criminal lawyers of this state. From 1871 to 1878 he was engaged as counsel for the prosecution or defense in every important case brought to trial and his efforts in almost every instance were attended by success. "Bear" Dolan, the first "Molly Maguire" convicted, was prosecuted by him in 1872; and Peter McMannes, the last one tried, was defended by him. Besides being an eloquent speaker, Gen. Clement excelled as a man of great reasoning power and his knowledge of the law was almost unlimited. Politically he was a Democrat prior to the Civil War, but

subsequently he staunchly supported the principles of the Republican party, and for some years was a member of the Sunbury Council. Gen. Clement took an active part in the Civil War, showing great patriotism and devotion to the cause for which the government was fighting. He was captain of the Pottsville Light Artillery, which organization still exists as Company F, 4th Reg., N. G. P., and he served in the First Battle of Bull Run as aide to Col. Cameron. In 1862 he was made provost marshal of the Fourteenth District of Pennsylvania and served efficiently until 1864. During the war he also served as a private in Company D of the 4th Pennsylvania Emergency Troop.

On May 18, 1854, Gen. Clement formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary S. Zeigler, of Sunbury, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Eyer) Zeigler. She is now living in Sunbury at the advanced age of seventy-two years. Five children blessed their home, only one of whom survives. Gen. Clement passed to his eternal reward on October 15, 1882.

COLONEL CHARLES M. CLEMENT, a prominent and influential lawyer of Sunbury, is a son of Gen. John Kay Clement, whose biographical sketch immediately precedes this, and was born in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., October 28, 1855. He acquired a good education in the academies at Sunbury, Pa., and Burlington, N. J. Leaving school at the age of seventeen years he accepted a position as a clerk in the prothonotary's office and continued as such for six years. He then read law in the office of his father and after his admission to the bar, on March 11, 1878, he began practice, being associated with his father until the latter's death. He made a thorough study of legal principles and had the happy faculty

of applying them to practical every-day business affairs. He soon acquired a good clientage, and has also succeeded to that of his father. His practice is general, but is in the main corporation law. He is attorney for the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, of which he is also president; attorney for the Shamokin Valley Telephone Company, and for the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Electric Railway. From April, 1891, to April, 1898, he was associated in practice with the Hon. S. P. Wolverton, a gentleman of distinction, whose life is recorded elsewhere in this Book of Biographies. Col. Clement is a firm supporter of the Republican party and has frequently been called upon to serve in official capacity. For several years he was a member of the council of Sunbury and was assistant burgess for one term. He was also borough solicitor and solicitor for the school board for several years, and is solicitor for the overseers of the poor. On October 1, 1887, he was appointed corporation clerk of the State Department by Charles W. Stone, and on November 29, 1890, was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in which capacity he served with credit. From 1879 to 1883 he served as secretary of the county committee of the Republican party, and from 1883 to 1888 was chairman of the committee. He was one of the organizers of the Sunbury Guards, Company E, 12th Reg., N. G. P., in 1877, entering the service as a private, and was promoted in regular order to a captaincy, an office to which he was three times elected—in 1882, 1887, and in 1892. In 1896 he was elected Major of the 12th Regiment and in 1898 was elected Lieutenant-Colonel. Volunteering for service against Spain, he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the 12th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., which was mustered out of service October 28, 1898. Col. Clement's eldest son, John

Kay Clement, seventeen years old, was a corporal in Company E of the same regiment.

On November 19, 1879, Col. Clement was united in marriage to Alice Withington, a daughter of Martin J. D. Withington, and they are the parents of four sons, John Kay, Martin W., Charles Frances and Theron Ball.

Socially, Col. Clement is a member of the Sons of Veterans, Sons of the Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812. He also is a trustee of the Mary M. Packer Hospital at Sunbury.

The publishers of this work take pleasure in announcing that portraits of Gen. John K. and Col. Charles M. Clement are presented on preceding pages in connection with the above life histories.

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**W**ILLIAM A. KENNEDY, a thrifty and enterprising business man of Laporte, Pa., is foreman of the Union Tanning Company, of Laporte, a position for which he is well qualified, as he has been engaged in the tanning business nearly all his life, having learned the trade during his boyhood days. The gentleman whose biography we write was born at Camden, N. Y., August 21, 1857, and is a son of Jeremiah and Bridget (Luby) Kennedy and a grandson of Edward Kennedy.

Jeremiah Kennedy, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Turbal, County Roscommon, Ireland, and was the first of this branch of the Kennedy family to locate in the United States, coming here when a young man. He first settled in Schoharie County, N. Y., where he pursued his trade as a tanner and at different times was foreman for the tanning companies at Camden, N. Y.; Moose River, N. Y.; Port Leyden, N. Y.; Ledgedale, Pa.; Thorndale, Pa., and at Laporte, where

he resided until his death. In 1889 our subject's father purchased the building used by Dr. Fleshet as a drug-store and also his dwelling and remodeled and enlarged the same into a hotel and conducted what is known today as the Commercial Hotel, which is now managed by his son, Thomas E., who took charge of it in September, 1894, Mr. Kennedy retiring on account of poor health. He passed from this life September 21, 1894, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Bridget Luby, who was born in St. Charles, County Roscommon, Ireland. Her father came to America and settled on Staten Island, where he resided at the time of his death. The following children were the result of this marriage: Edward, a tanner by trade, wedded Maria Brown, and they are the parents of seven children, Raymond, Edward, Nellie, Robert, Donald, John, and Percy James, deceased; Mary, wife of Dr. E. S. C. Foster, with two children, Jeremiah and Solon; William A., the subject of this brief notice; Jerry, a tanner, of Titusville, Pa., joined in marriage with Lizzie Scanlon, with two children blessing their home, Genevieve and James Francis; Maggie, wife of George Nortz, and the following children have been reared by them, Lena, Ray, Ebe, Vincent, and Mary; John M., engaged in the laundry business; Thomas E., a prominent hotelkeeper, whose sketch may also be found in this Book of Biographies; and Annie, at home.

Our subject was educated in the common schools and when a lad he began to learn the tanner's trade, serving an apprenticeship with his father; under the instructions of his father he soon became quite proficient in that line and upon attaining his manhood he was made foreman of the Shaw Bros.' tannery at Grand Lake, Me. He then accepted a position for the same firm at Lincoln, Me.; worked a short







WILLIAM H. M. ORAM.

time for Ferdinand A. Wyman, of Kingman, Me.; then for Henry Poor & Son; later went to Brace Bridge, Ontario, Can., where he was foreman for the D. W. Alexander Company; he then returned to Maine, where he accepted the foremanship of the E. Church Tanning Company at Beddington. As the winters were very cold in Maine, Mr. Kennedy formed the habit of visiting his father during the cold months, and while on one of his visits, in 1893, he secured the foremanship of the Laporte Tanning Company, and has occupied that position to the present time, although the Laporte Tanning Company has been succeeded by the Union Tanning Company. This tannery is one of the best and largest in the state and gives employment to over two hundred hands; sixty hands are employed in the tannery and also over 150 woodsmen, who cut and bring to the tannery about 600 tons of bark every year. Thirty teams are also constantly in use. The tanning buildings cover about eighty acres of land and the tannery is operated by steam power and has one hundred and fifty boilers and seventy engines. The hides all come from South America and are tanned and finished by the best of skilled labor and marketed at Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Kennedy has established an excellent and enviable reputation as a foreman, giving entire satisfaction to the company, and is a favorite with the employees. He is also recognized as one of the valued members of the community and always supports enterprises that tend to advance the interests of his borough and county.

Mr. Kennedy was united in matrimonial alliance with Rosanna Stubbs, a daughter of Bruce Stubbs, of Ontario, Can., and four children brighten and beautify the home of our subject and wife, namely: Roy, Thomas, Vin-

cent and Mary. Politically, Mr. Kennedy is a solid Democrat and has served in the town council and as overseer of the poor. Religiously, he and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

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**W**ILLIAM H. M. ORAM, attorney-at-law, of Shamokin, whose recent portrait is presented on the opposite page, was the first lawyer to practice in Shamokin, opening his office there when it was a town of but 2,500 population. His brilliant attainments and his ability as a pleader have placed him in the first rank of the attorneys not only in Shamokin but in this state. He is recognized as a fluent and adept pleader, and so carefully and fully does he prepare his cases that he is admitted to be one of the most formidable men in the profession in the state. Mr. Oram is a son of John F. and Louisa (Farr) Oram and was born in Philadelphia, Pa., April 6, 1842.

The ancestors of our subject on the paternal side were of Scotch stock and on the maternal side of Irish extraction. His paternal ancestors came to the United States prior to the War of the Revolution, but on the breaking out of that great struggle returned to Scotland. The great-grandfather of our subject, Thomas Cooper Oram, remained in Philadelphia and served during the Revolution in "Mad Anthony" Wayne's division in the New Jersey line as an officer. He was for some years a resident near Bristol, Bucks County, Pa., where he had charge of farms owned by Nicholas Biddle, who was a prominent banker, being president of the United States Bank, located where the custom house now stands, in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Oram lived many years after the Revolution ended and

took part in the parade and the reception tendered Gen. Lafayette in Philadelphia.

William Oram, grandfather of the subject of this review, was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., where he was reared. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died in camp at Richmond, Va. He was a silversmith by trade.

The father of our subject, John F. Oram, was born in the city of Philadelphia July 2, 1810, and was reared by his grandfather, Thomas Cooper Oram, in Bucks County. He engaged in the wholesale shoe business in Philadelphia, which he followed nearly his entire business career, retiring in 1877. Subsequently he migrated to Shamokin, Northumberland County. He was a notary public and also an insurance agent. He passed to his final rest in 1895. Mr. Oram was a man of positive religious beliefs and for many years an ardent church member, serving some time as a deacon in the church of which he was a member.

Our subject's mother was born February 14, 1815, and was a member of the old Jackson family. She traced her ancestry to those of the Revolutionary period, who were among the earliest settlers and Quaker stock of Chester County, this state. Her grandfather fought at Brandywine and one of his brothers was taken prisoner by the British and sent to England, where he was confined in Portsmouth Prison until the war ended. Mrs. Oram's father, Joseph Farr, was a tailor by trade and resided near Kennett Square. To the couple were born three sons and three daughters, as follows: Josephine, who is the wife of Thomas M. Helm, of Shamokin; William H. M., the subject of this sketch; James R., who is a resident of Philadelphia and is head clerk for the John Hancock Ice Company, served in the Rebellion for a year as a member of the Keystone Battery; John A., now of Newport News, Va.; Clara, widow of

Theodore F. Nields, who is now a public school teacher in Shamokin; and Frances V., who died in infancy.

Our subject received his primary education in the public schools of Philadelphia and graduated from the high school in that city at the age of twenty years, receiving the degree of B. A., and subsequently the degree of M. A., from that institution. He then entered the law office of Daniel Dougherty, the distinguished attorney and remarkably eloquent orator, in the Quaker City, and studied under his guidance for two years. He pursued his third year of study of law in the office of John Hanna, also a leading lawyer of that city, at the same time attending the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated. He was admitted to the bar April 15, 1865. Mr. Oram immediately removed to Shamokin, where he opened an office, the first lawyer to locate in the town. He has since practiced his profession continuously in Shamokin, a period of thirty-four years. He was admitted to practice in the United States Court in 1867 and to practice in the Supreme Court of this state in 1871. An indefatigable student and a hard worker, Mr. Oram soon acquired an excellent reputation and a lucrative business, being unusually successful from the beginning of his practice. Gifted rarely with eloquent speech, a keen analyst of human passions and motives, Mr. Oram powerfully and convincingly sways jurors in presenting an argument. He is constantly engaged and has a very large general practice. In March, 1877, our subject was appointed receiver of the Northumberland County National Bank by John J. Knox, then Comptroller of Currency of the United States, and he successfully wound up the affairs of the institution. Since 1871 Mr. Oram has been attorney for the Min-



eral Railroad & Mining Company; he has for a number of years acted as attorney for the well-know firm, J. Langdon & Company, and for seventeen years he was attorney for the borough of Shamokin.

In his youth Mr. Oram identified himself with the Republican party and for years his time and efforts have been devoted to advancing the interests of that party and defending its principles and measures. He has been prominent in party councils and as a speaker has a reputation of being one of the most eloquent and forceful ever heard in campaigns in this state. Several times he has been honored by his party in being a nominee for office. He was the Republican candidate for the judgeship in his district in 1891; in 1876 he was a candidate for senator from his district, but was defeated for nomination by a combination of the sort which is common in politics; in 1881 he was an aspirant for the position of president judge, but, by agreement with two other candidates, withdrew from the contest for nomination; he frequently has served as a delegate to conventions.

On March 4, 1866, Mr. Oram was united in marriage to Lavinia E., daughter of Joseph W. Jones, of Pottsville, Pa. To them seven children were born, as follows: Katharine, deceased, who was the wife of Charles E. Byers; Frances Virginia; Lavinia E., the wife of Joseph H. Wheat, who is connected with the Geological Survey, a bureau of the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C.; Clara W., who is at home; John F., a student in the University of Michigan, where he is studying law; and Louisa and William, the youngest son, who both died in infancy. Our subject adopted a grandson, William, who assumed his grandfather's name, Oram. The family are members of the Episcopal Church of Shamokin. Mr. Oram is one of the

leading and most active members of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and is president of the Northumberland County Bar Association.

Mr. Oram is unusually well versed in literary matters, being an eager reader and a deep thinker. He possesses an uncommonly fine miscellaneous library, which is one of the largest, if not the largest, private libraries in this section of the state. He also owns a very extensive and complete law library. Mr. Oram is thoroughly equipped, owing to his wide range of reading, upon all subjects upon which full and accurate knowledge is of great value in the successful practice of his profession. His store of apt and forcible anecdote is inexhaustible and he is ever ready with quotations from standard works, which frequently serve most effectively to powerfully clinch an argument. In his library, after the labor of his daily office and court work, our subject spends much of his time—his books, with his charming family, being his most intimate friends.

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JACOB R. KEISER, one of the most prominent pioneers of Northumberland County, Pa., retired from active business in 1893 after an unusually successful career, beginning to earn his livelihood as a teamster, subsequently engaging in the grocery business and finally winning profitable success as a coal operator. He is a member of a very prominent family and is looked upon as a self-made man who is an honor to his family, to himself and to Shamokin where he has long resided. Our subject is a son of Henry and Catherine (Reaker) Keiser, and was born in Coal township, Northumberland County, Pa., May 1, 1845.

The grandfather of our subject, Henry



Keiser, was of German origin and was born June 25, 1784. He came into Northumberland County from Union, to which he migrated from Berks County, and finally settled in the Irish Valley, spending the remainder of his days as a farmer until his demise, November 13, 1864. His wife, grandmother of our subject, was born August 5, 1781, and passed to her rest October 11, 1852.

Henry Keiser, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1811 and resided all his lifetime in Northumberland County, being a resident of Shamokin at his demise in 1873. He located in Shamokin some time before the birth of Jacob R., and for years was engaged in business as a general merchant. Religiously he was a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Catherine Reaker and their union was blessed by six children.

Our subject was able to obtain but limited primary education and early in life started out to win his way by engaging in teaming, which business he followed for several years. He then engaged in coal operating in Coal township, his first operations being at the Lancaster Colliery with William C. Smith as co-partner under the firm name, Smith & Keiser. This colliery subsequently was named the Colbert Colliery and it was operated continuously by Smith & Keiser until the latter retired from active business in 1893, a period of twenty-three years of successful and profitable operation. Prior to entering the field as a coal operator Mr. Keiser engaged in the grocery business with his brother, Henry H., in which he yet retains his interest. On September 7, 1866, our subject married Emma E. Smith, daughter of William C. Smith, his co-partner in the coal business. To them have been born five children as follows: William H., who is an engineer by occupation; Frank M., also an engineer, residing in Michigan;

Warren M., who is at the family home in Shamokin; and Malcolm and Ray, who died when quite young. In politics our subject is a Republican, but has never sought office.

Henry H. Keiser, brother of the subject written of above and one of the leading business men of Shamokin, was born in Coal township, Northumberland County, Pa., September 30, 1849. He obtained such common school education as he could by attending school three months in each year and when about seventeen years of age he, as had his brother Jacob, began to earn a living as a teamster. He was in the employ of Charles D. Hammer and Daniel Weaver of Shamokin as a driver for about two years. In 1868 Henry branched out for himself, engaging in the green grocery business in Shamokin, which business he has continued until the present time and has developed until it has become large, prosperous and the longest-established of its kind in the town. Politically Mr. Keiser is a Republican and has served creditably two terms as a member of the borough council. He is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., and also of Independence Fire Company of which he is treasurer. When our subject abandoned "single blessedness" he took as his life-partner Elizabeth Gilger, daughter of Jonas L. Gilger, one of the pioneers of Northumberland County. Five children have been the fruit of their union: Katie, Harry, Claude, Howard and Rena.

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**R**ON. RUSSELL KARNS, a retired citizen of Benton, Columbia County, Pa., formerly of Laporte, Sullivan County, Pa., was for many years one of the leading business men of Laporte township and was proprietor of the Laporte Hotel,

which was recently burned, it being the most popular hotel in the county. He is a son of Peter and Mary (Singer) Karns, and was born at Benton, Benton township, Columbia County, Pa., March 17, 1842.

John Karns, the grandfather of our subject, was an early settler in Benton township, Columbia County, where he purchased a tract of uncultivated land, which he cleared. He later disposed of this estate, now owned by Charles Ash, Esq., and moved to Steuben County, N. Y., following farming the rest of his active life and spending the last few years of his life in retirement with his son Peter. He lived to reach an advanced age and was thrice married, having the following children: Peter, Jacob, Daniel and John by his first wife; he also reared Isaac, Henry, Tunis, William and two daughters by his second wife.

Peter Karns, the father of our subject, was born in Columbia County, Pa., and at an early age took to agricultural pursuits. His wife had an uncultivated tract of land left to her by her father, which he cleared and then built a log-house, in which his family was reared. This land is now owned by Daniel Karns, a brother of our subject. Peter Karns married Mary Singer, a daughter of William Singer, and they both lived to reach an old age.

Russell Karns, the subject of this review, was reared on a farm and attended the public schools, receiving a good education mainly through his individual efforts in taking advantage of every opportunity which presented itself for his advancement. Starting out for himself he learned the trade of a painter, at first confining his work simply to house painting, but he later entered the employ of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, at Berwick, as a car painter. He next accepted contracts for boat painting at Espytown, Columbia County, and while there assisted in re-

cruiting Company E of the 209th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., enlisting himself as second lieutenant. He served as such to the close of the war and was mustered out in June, 1865. He returned to Benton and followed his trade in connection with farming, purchasing a farm, which he has since owned. He erected a complete set of new buildings and so improved it otherwise that it became one of the best farms in Columbia County. In 1879 Mr. Karns rented the Benton Hotel, then known as the Ickler House, and conducted it for one year. His success during that time was such as to warrant him in leasing the large Laporte Hotel at Laporte, Sullivan County. There his success continued and after a period of two years he purchased it and made many improvements. It was a handsome structure, three stories high and contained forty-seven large and well-furnished bedrooms, and was fitted with every convenience that could be arranged for the convenience of his guests. It was a very popular place with transients and during terms of court he had more patrons than he could well accommodate. His business continued to prosper and he conducted it until 1884 when, owing to the great strain which his many duties devolving upon him, he went to Hot Springs, Ark., to recuperate. The hotel in Laporte was rented, after he gave up the business, until it was destroyed by fire on March 25, 1898. He then disposed of the lot to F. W. Gallagher, Esq. In private life our subject is held in as high esteem as in business circles and has many friends throughout Sullivan and Columbia counties.

Our subject was united in matrimonial bonds to Elmira Cole, who was born April 4, 1848, and is a daughter of William Cole, of Benton township. Their union has been blessed by six children: Sedgwick B., an attorney at Benton, born November 14, 1868,

married Carrie Keeler, by whom he has two children,—Helen and Ruth; Nora Bell, born September 11, 1870, died in infancy; Corene A., born April 22, 1878, widow of R. M. Stormont; Harry Allen, a student, born September 9, 1874; Florence A., deceased, born December 1, 1875; and Hazel P., deceased, born January 10, 1887. Politically, Mr. Karns is an enthusiastic Democrat and has served as school director of Benton, and as burgess, school director and member of the council at Laporte. In 1890 he was honored by a seat in the State Legislature and served during 1891 and 1892. Religiously, he is a member of the Christian Church, whilst his wife is affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

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**S**AMUEL HOUCK is one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Briarcreek township, Columbia County, Pa., who makes a specialty of raising poultry. He was born in Easton, Northampton County, Pa., June 6, 1838, and is a son of John and Julia (Stair) Houck, and a grandson of John Houck.

John Houck, grandfather of our subject, was of German descent and was one of the well-to-do agriculturists of Northampton County. He was the progenitor of a large family of children and two of his sons, Samuel and Jeremiah, were veterans of the Rebellion. John Houck, the father of our subject, was born in Northampton County, Pa., and during his younger days learned the trade of a carpenter. Among his first efforts at his trade was the erection of a Methodist church which he, in conjunction with six others, undertook to build without resources other than their own hands and a determination to succeed. Attaining his majority he moved to Luzerne County, Pa., and in addition to following his

trade, he successfully carried on farming. In 1872 he moved to Briarcreek township, Columbia County, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away July 1, 1885, at the age of seventy-six years. In politics he was formerly a Whig, but being a strong Abolitionist, when the Whig party was abandoned, he joined the ranks of the Republican party. He was an ardent supporter of the free school system, and secured the appointment, by the court of Luzerne County, of a school board in his township. He himself served on this board, which forced the levy of a school tax against a then common prejudice. Mr. Houck was joined in the bonds of wedlock to Julia Stair, a daughter of George Stair, who was a stone-mason and farmer residing in Northampton County, Pa. To this happy union the following children were born: Mary Ann, who died at the age of fifteen years; Julia; our subject, Samuel; Sarah, a resident of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Florence Elizabeth, deceased, who taught school twenty-one years and at the age of thirty-seven years passed from this life; and John W., who is in the employ of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of Berwick.

Samuel Houck was brought up on his father's farm and received his early schooling in his native town. He has been engaged in farming and lumbering all his life and for some years was engaged in merchandising and huckstering in Slocum township, Luzerne County. In 1874 our subject came to Briarcreek township where he purchased a fine and productive farm consisting of one hundred acres. He has made many improvements since it came into his possession, and it now ranks among the best farms in the township. Mr. Houck makes a specialty of raising poultry, small fruit growing, and dairying, and is considered to be one of the leading farmers of his community.



Our subject takes an active part in local politics and is a firm supporter of the Republican party; he was the first Republican judge of elections of Briarcreek township and also served as a school director in Luzerne and also in Columbia counties, for many years. On July 12, 1862, Mr. Houck was wedded to Jane J. Lutsey, a daughter of the late William Lutsey, who was one of the leading farmers and business men of Slocum township, Luzerne County. To Mr. and Mrs. Houck was born a family of four children, as follows: Ulysses Grant, William Lutsey, John Wesley, and Harry M. Ulysses was graduated from the Dickinson Seminary and, entering upon his life's work, was engaged as a school teacher for four years. He then took a course in the Veterinary Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and since 1895 has been a government meat inspector, now located at Sioux City, Iowa. William L. is a graduate from the Berwick High School and from the Dickinson Seminary, class of '93; he is now vice-principal of the Berwick High School. John Wesley and Harry M. are both graduates of the Berwick High School, and are teachers and also students of dentistry in the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Houck has won an excellent reputation for square dealing, unswerving integrity, and for the many qualities which are component parts of true manhood. His neighbors testify to his reputation and he is thoroughly respected and liked by all of them. His excellent judgment and his sound common sense have made him prominent in the community in which he resides.

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**R**ALPH R. JOHN, a well-equipped and promising young attorney and a worthy and esteemed citizen of the town of Bloomsburg, was born in Maine

township, Columbia County, Pa., December 20, 1870, and is a son of Jonas Wesley and Sarah C. (Brown) John, a grandson of Stacy and Mary (Yocum) John, great-grandson of Abraham John, and great-great-grandson of Isaac John.

Isaac John was one of the pioneer settlers of Columbia County, having located in Maine township in 1778. He purchased a large tract of land, which was covered by a dense forest, and felled trees and built a log cabin. He cleared a part of his farm and engaged in the cultivation of the soil the rest of his active days. He was united in marriage to Margaret Brong and they reared the following children: Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, David, George, and five daughters.

Abraham John was reared on his father's farm in Maine township and assisted his father in the labors about the old homestead. He was joined in wedlock to Mary Flick, who bore him a family of seven children, namely: Stacy, the grandfather of our subject; George; Hiram; Lovina; Angeline; Mary A.; and Sarah J.

Stacy John, the grandfather of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Maine township in 1813, was reared to agricultural pursuits and successfully followed the calling of a farmer all his life. After a life of industry he passed from this earth in 1879, leaving a large estate, which he bequeathed to his children. He was wedded to Mary Yocum, a daughter of John Yocum, a prominent farmer of Roaring Creek township, Columbia County. As a result of this union the following children were born: William, who died in his childhood days; J. Wesley, the father of our subject; Sarah, deceased; Frease, deceased; Britton, also deceased; and Minerva, who is the wife of Aaron Goover.

Jonas Wesley John, the father of our sub-



ject, was born on the old homestead September 12, 1840, and during his boyhood days attended the district school and assisted his father in the cultivation of the soil. Attaining his majority he purchased a farm in Maine township and has devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He also owns considerable property in the town of Bloomsburg. Mr. John formed a matrimonial alliance with Sarah C. Brown, a daughter of Jacob Brown, a resident of Maine township, and to this union were born eight children, namely: Bessie; Ida; David; Ralph R., the subject of this biographical sketch; Jacob; Daisy, the wife of L. B. Zimmerman; Wilson; and Sally. Mr. and Mrs. John are active members of the Methodist Church; politically, our subject's father is a strong temperance man and firmly upholds the principles of the Prohibition party.

Ralph R. John received his primary education in the public schools of his native town and at the age of seventeen years entered the Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa., taking a scientific course, and was graduated from that institution in 1890. He then taught school at Elysburg Academy in Northumberland County until 1893 and then removed to Bloomsburg and began the study of law in the office of L. S. Winterstein. He faithfully pursued his legal studies and was admitted to the bar September 30, 1895. He opened an office on the corner of Second and Market streets, where he entered upon the practice of his profession. He is a thorough student, is methodical and industrious in all the detail of his business, both public and private, and has won an enviable position in the front ranks of his profession.

Mr. John chose for his life-companion Sally C. Schweppenheiser, a daughter of Eleazer Schweppenheiser, and they were happily wed-

ded November 10, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. John are popular members of the Methodist Church.

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W. MOODY, M. D., who for over a quarter of a century has been a leading and successful practitioner of medicine in Sunbury and adjacent towns, is a son of Capt. Robert and Mary (Wilson) Moody, and was born in Dauphin County, Pa., August 31, 1834.

The family is of Irish descent and the name was originally spelled Moodey, but in latter years the "e" has been omitted by most of the family. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Moody was Robert Moody, who was for many years a resident of South Hanover township, Dauphin County, where he owned and cultivated a large farm. He remained upon the farm until his death on December 13, 1838, at the age of eighty-six years. After his demise the farm was divided between his three sons, Joseph, Robert, and John, the latter of whom is pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Shipensburg, Pa.

Capt. Robert Moody, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead and resided there all of his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits in which he attained more than an ordinary degree of success. He passed away May 26, 1850, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and now lies buried in the southeast corner of the Derry Churchyard, east of Harrisburg, Pa. He served through the War of 1812 with the rank of captain. Religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Derry and filled many of the offices of that organization, taking an active part in every movement for the advancement and upbuilding of the church. He married Mrs. Morrison, nee Wilson, and they were the parents





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of four children, two sons and two daughters.

Dr. Moody obtained a good academic education in Tuscarora Academy at Port Royal, and in 1857 entered upon the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. J. R. Umberger of Dauphin, Pa. After completing the required course of reading, he matriculated in the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College of Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1861. During the same year he located at McAlisterville, Juniata County, and there practiced until the fall of 1862. After his marriage he moved to Washingtonville, Montour County, where he successfully practiced until the spring of 1870 when he moved to Sunbury, his present abode and field of practice. He is a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society of which he is treasurer. Dr. Moody has been a close student of the leading medical literature of his time and has kept himself abreast of the advancement and progress of medical science. Careful and conscientious in his practice, accurate and skilful in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, he easily takes rank among the leading physicians of Northumberland and adjoining counties.

On January 14, 1862, Dr. Moody and Louisa Sharon of Juniata County were happily wedded and to their union two children were born: Jane A., the wife of Frank Harkins of Sunbury; and Sarah S., who died September 25, 1894. Religiously Dr. Moody is a member of the Presbyterian Church of which he has been elder for many years. Mrs. Moody died February 25, 1889, aged fifty-seven years.

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**A**NTHONY GOLEMBIEWSKI, a recent portrait of whom we take pleasure in presenting on the opposite page, is manager and stockholder of the Po-

lish Lithuanian Brewing Company of Danville, Pa., which is one of the largest brewing companies in Central Pennsylvania and has a reputation for turning out first-class lager beer, porter and the purest of ale. Our subject was born in Jejsorki, Poland, May 12, 1863, and is a son of Thomas Golembiewski.

Thomas Golembiewski, the father of our subject was born in Poland and resided in his native country all his life, engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist. He was the progenitor of a large family of children, one of whom was Anthony, the subject of this biographical sketch.

Anthony Golembiewski was reared and educated in his native country and at the age of nineteen years immigrated to the United States and located in New York City. He moved to Hazleton, Pa., a short time later and engaged in the brick-making business, and later in mining in the same town. Moving to Luzerne County, Pa., he located in Nanticoke, where he embarked in the hotel business, which he continued until June 12, 1895, when he removed to Danville and with P. H. Coyne, Thomas Butkiewicz, president, John Zukoski, treasurer, and Simon Savage, charter members, purchased the above-named brewing company of P. P. Smith, assignee of the Polish-American Brewing Company. The plant is located at Nos. 16 to 34 Spring street; the main building is a four-story structure; the machinery in this building is set in motion by a large engine which has two boilers, one a 100 horse-power and the other a 60 horse-power; in the ice plant is stored a large quantity of barley and hops; the cold-storage room contains the cooling vats, twelve in all, which have a capacity of 150 barrels each. The company manufactures about eighteen thousand barrels of beer per annum; has a large supply-house at Scranton, Pa., where



there is a great demand for its beer; and gives employment to forty hands, and has sixteen fine teams which are kept constantly busy delivering throughout the city.

Mr. Golembiewski was united in marriage to Julia Uszinski, a daughter of Simon Uszinski of Nanticoke, Pa., and they are the parents of ten children, as follows: Stanley, Anthony, Annie, Victoria, Charles, Vincent, and Mary; and Adam, Joseph, and Frank, deceased. Our subject and his family are popular members of the German Catholic Church of Danville. Mr. Golembiewski is one of the most prominent and hustling business men of Danville, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens and acquaintances.

GENERAL GEORGE B. CADWALLADER, who made a brilliant and interesting record in the Civil War, is one of the most progressive and prominent business men of Sunbury, being superintendent of the Sunbury Water Company, one of the foremost industries of the borough. He is a son of Dr. Peter and Hannah (Magill) Cadwallader, and was born in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa., October 20, 1830.

Our subject's parents were both natives of Bucks County and were of Scotch ancestry. Dr. Peter Cadwallader died in 1832 and his wife survived him to the ripe age of eighty years. Their happy union resulted in the birth of four children, three sons and one daughter, our subject, George B., being the only one now living.

George B. Cadwallader was reared in Bucks County and there received his preliminary educational training, but subsequently attended the Danville Academy in Danville, Montour County, Pa. He later decided to follow the

profession of a druggist and, entering the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduated from that institution and engaged in the drug business at Danville. He followed that business there until 1857, when he established a drug-store at Shamokin and continued with much success until the outbreak of the Civil War. In April, 1861, he enlisted as 1st lieutenant of Company A, 8th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. He served for three months and then re-enlisted, with the same rank, in Company K, 46th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. He was ever a willing and conscientious soldier and his rise in the ranks was steady. On September 17, 1861, he was 1st lieutenant and quartermaster of his regiment, and served in that capacity until July, 1863, when he was advanced to captain and assistant-quartermaster, U. S. A. In March, 1865, he was brevetted major and lieutenant-colonel, and afterwards was brevetted colonel for his meritorious services throughout the war. In November, 1865, for faithful and efficient services in the quartermaster's department, he was brevetted brigadier-general, which rank he held until his discharge. During this period he was quartermaster of Williams' Brigade, Army of Virginia; quartermaster of the 1st Brigade, 2d Corps, Army of Virginia; quartermaster of the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac; post-quartermaster at Dechert, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga.; was in charge of transportation on Sherman's memorable march to the Atlantic Coast; in charge of the quartermaster's depots at Cleveland, Ohio, and Richmond, Va.; and in charge of the national cemeteries at Seven Pines, Fair Oaks, and Hollywood. He was finally mustered out of service, September 10, 1866, at Richmond, Va.

After the close of the war Gen. Cadwallader located at Sunbury and entered the flour

and feed business in association with his brother, John, the firm name being John M. Cadwallader & Company. They operated three mills in different sections of the county and did a large and paying business. In 1869 our subject purchased the drug-store conducted by Dr. John G. Markle & Company in Sunbury and followed that business with good results until 1884. He then became connected with the Sunbury Nail, Bar & Guide Iron Manufacturing Company, in the capacity of general superintendent, and faithfully served as such until 1891. In that year he accepted a position as superintendent of the Sunbury Water Company, and the success which has attended his efforts as such is clearly evidenced by the prosperous condition of the company to-day. He is a man of keen intellect, a shrewd manager of business affairs, and is ever faithful to the best interests of the firm which he represents. In the private walks of life he is equally popular as in business circles, and his friends and acquaintances throughout the county are numerous.

In 1870 Gen. Cadwallader was united in marriage with Mrs. Georgiana (Markle) Wolverton, and they became the parents of two daughters: Mary and Anna. He was bereaved of the companionship of his beloved wife by death on May 9, 1885. Socially our subject is a member of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M.; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, H. R. A.; the Loyal Legion of the United States; and is prominent in the G. A. R. He assisted in organizing the first G. A. R. post in Sunbury and was chosen its first commander. Religiously the General is a believer in the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church.

**P** H. FURMANN is recognized as a public spirited citizen of Shamokin. He is at the head of one of the largest and

most important pursuits which have so greatly contributed to the prosperity and advancement of the town as a commercial and manufacturing center.

Our subject was born in Bavaria in 1863, received a thorough education and graduated from a college at Frankenthal, Germany. After leaving college he assumed a responsible position with Kline, Shanzlein & Becker of Frankenthal, manufacturers of brewing machinery, thus gaining extensive and valuable knowledge of the machinery used in and of the brewing business which he has well utilized. In 1880 Mr. Furmann came to this country and accepted the responsible position of superintendent for the Charles D. Kaie Brewing Co., at Mahanoy City. So efficiently did he apply his knowledge of brewing and so wisely did he manage the affairs of the concern that the business was surprisingly increased and he was rewarded by being taken into the firm in 1892, remaining a member until his removal to Shamokin.

Mr. Furmann was married to Caroline B. Hahn of Philadelphia on November 3, 1896, and to them has been born one son, Harry, born October 3, 1897. Mr. Furmann is a prominent member of the Benevolent Order of Protective Elks.

Our subject is to-day at the head of one of the most modern and most complete brewing plants in the state which is regarded as a great credit to the commercial progress of Shamokin, as well as a fitting monument to the energy, skill and integrity of Mr. Furmann. Away back in 1855, when beer was a new beverage in Shamokin, the brewery was founded by Gottlieb Fritz, being a comparatively insignificant concern with a small output. Not until 1871, when Martin Markle secured control of the plant, were improvements made which were of significance and

then the capacity was so increased as to afford an output of 10,000 barrels per annum. On March 1, 1895, our subject became the proprietor of the brewery by purchase and he immediately added improved machinery and modern methods and infused new life into the enterprise, doubling the output of beer in a brief time. Being an astute and progressive man Mr. Furmann determined to meet the demands of the lower anthracite coal fields and added to his already large business the manufacture of ale and porter, the output of which averages about 5,000 barrels per annum. Our subject remained sole proprietor of the business until October 1, 1896, when Mr. Max Schmidt joined him. The brewery since has been conducted under the firm name Furmann & Schmidt. The new firm erected at Washington and Commerce streets a fine two-story, brick, cold storage house and bottling works which is 75 feet square and architecturally handsome. In this building also are the finely finished offices of the firm, and adjacent to it the large stables.

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REVIN U. FUNK, one of the leading barristers of Columbia County, is one of the most prominent men of Bloomsburg. He has been closely identified with many enterprises which have added to the growth and wealth of the town and given it a prestige as a thriving business center. He is a son of Rev. Henry and Matilda (Snyder) Funk, and was born in Bloomsburg in 1852.

Rev. Henry Funk, the deeds of whose short life remain fresh in the memory of those for whom he labored, was born near Hagerstown, Md., May 7, 1816, and was reared under religious influences in his youth, the foundation then being laid for his subsequent work in the cause of humanity. Endowed by nature with

a superior intellect, he improved every opportunity and received a high education. He was eighteen years of age when he entered Marshall College at Mercersburg, Pa., and he was graduated in 1841, immediately afterward entering the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church. Having spent a period of nine years in these two institutions he was licensed to preach, and for the first six months occupied the pulpit of the Bloomsburg charge during the absence of the regular pastor. In the fall of 1844 he was called to Bloomsburg as assistant English pastor to Rev. D. L. Tobias, and on December 8th, of the same year, he was ordained to the ministry and installed in his charge at Orangeville, Pa., by Rev. E. Keiffer and Rev. H. Harbough, who were a committee appointed by the Susquehanna Classis. His field was a large one, but with unflagging zeal and devotion he faithfully discharged his pastoral duties for a period of ten years, or until the dread usurper in the form of slow consumption deprived him of his strength. He died April 16, 1855, and was buried in the grounds of the Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md. He lived a life of self-sacrifice, wholly for others, and his accomplishments were but the foundation which made possible greater deeds in the hands of his successor. His devotion to the cause of Christianity was always evident and it is said that he prepared a sermon for each day of the year. The church relied upon him, the town respected him, and his friends loved him. His pleasant face, kind manner and good heart endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. His maxim was that of the old Earl of Devonshire: "I shall pass this way but once; if, therefore, there be any good I can do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow-being, let me do it now." And many a neighbor and friend can bear witness to his kindly



words and deeds. He was united in marriage with Matilda Snyder, a daughter of Daniel Snyder of Bloomsburg, and they had one son, Nevin U., our subject.

Nevin U. Funk was educated in the Literary Institute and the State Normal School at Bloomsburg. He then went to Princeton College, where he diligently pursued his studies until 1874, when he graduated with the degree of B. A. In the succeeding year he took up the study of law, attending the lectures at the Columbia Law School, and subsequently studying under the direction of Hon. Charles R. Buckalew, being admitted to the Columbia County Bar in the year following. He has since been engaged in practice, and has obtained a large and paying clientage. He is a keen man of business and always devotes his whole energy to the success of his client. He has always had the interests of his native borough at heart and has been associated with several business enterprises. He is one of the original stockholders and a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg. In 1890 he, with others, organized the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company, which has laid out the eastern end of the borough in lots, streets and walks, and has built forty fine houses. He is a director of the School Furnishing Manufacturing Company and also its treasurer. He is also a trustee of the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

In 1881 Mr. Funk was joined in hymeneal bonds with Mary L. Elwell, a daughter of Judge William and Mary L. (Thayer) Elwell; they have three children: Elwell N.; Marie E. and Harry E. Religiously he is a member and elder of the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Democrat and has served as delegate to state conventions, besides standing high in the councils of his party.

JOHN M. SMITH, who formerly was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Madison township, Columbia County, where he owns an excellent farm of 200 acres, is now a resident of Jerseytown, where he is living in retirement. He is a son of Elisha B. and Mary (Miller) Smith, and was born on the Smith homestead, near Jerseytown, March 8, 1826.

John Smith, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New Jersey, who located in Briarcreek township, Columbia County, where he remained a few years before removing to Madison township. In the latter place he purchased a tract of 400 acres of land and followed farming until his death. He and his wife Eleanor reared the following children: Henry; John; Francis; Hugh; Alexandria; Elisha B., the father of our subject; Elizabeth; Margaret; and Ann.

Elisha B. Smith, after reaching manhood, succeeded his father on the old homestead in Madison township, where he was successfully engaged in cultivating the soil all of his life. He was called to his final rest in 1844, at the age of fifty-one years. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat and voted uniformly for that party. Religiously he was a member of the Reformed Church. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mary Miller, a daughter of Joseph Miller, a farmer of Montour County, Pa., by whom he had three sons and two daughters: John M., the subject of this biographical record; Joseph, deceased, who was a farmer in Michigan; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of George F. Fague of Muncy, Pa.; Elizabeth J., a maiden lady who resides with our subject; and Wilson W., a well-known business man of Hazleton, Pa.

John M. Smith was reared on the farm and obtained his education in the common schools of his native town, after which he took up the



occupation of a farmer. He resided on the old homestead, where he owned 200 acres of land and followed farming with excellent results until 1897, when he was enabled to retire from active labors and spend his declining years in the enjoyment of well-earned rest. He is now residing in the village of Jerseytown, where he has a large circle of acquaintances who hold him in high esteem as an estimable citizen and a true friend. During the Civil War he was unable to enter the service and consequently paid \$600 for a substitute. Mr. Smith is a musician of considerable ability and for twenty-five years was teacher of a singing school.

In 1862 our subject was joined in hymeneal bonds to Mary Pursel of Frosty Valley, Hemlock township, and they are the parents of three children: Elizabeth; Herman D., a bookkeeper of Williamsport, Pa.; and Gertrude. Mrs. Smith was called to her final rest in 1885, at the age of fifty-four years.

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**C**ONRAD KREAMER, one of the representative farmers of Madison township, Columbia County, lives in a beautiful residence near Jerseytown, where he owns a large tract of 400 acres of land which embodies the fruits of many years of industrious toil. He is a son of Conrad and Catherine (Bowman) Kreamer, and was born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 28, 1824.

Conrad Kreamer, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was young when he came to America, locating in Philadelphia. There he followed the trade of a baker for several years, but finally moved to Columbia County, near White Hall, Montour County, where he purchased a farm of 130 acres and followed agricultural pursuits

until his death, which occurred while he was yet in the prime of life. In religious attachments he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Catherine Bowman, who was also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and they became the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, as follows: Conrad; Catherine; John, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Charles; Joseph; William; Frederick; Christian, deceased; and Jacob.

Conrad Kreamer, the subject of this biographical record and the first child born to his parents, received a limited school training, but is well-read and posted on the current topics of the day. He has always been engaged in tilling the soil, and during his younger days was also engaged in buying and selling lumber. In 1857 he embarked in the mercantile business in Jerseytown and also in the lumbering business, which he continued with marked success until 1893, a period of thirty-six years. He is a man of superior business propensities and untiring industry, and he has accumulated a handsome competency. In March, 1855, he moved to his present home, which lies in the outskirts of a beautiful valley near Jerseytown, and comprises 400 acres of fertile land suitably adapted to stock raising, of which Mr. Kreamer has always made a specialty. He is a man of intelligence and high ideas and occupies a prominent place in the estimation of his fellow-citizens.

On January 28, 1855, our subject was united in matrimonial bonds to Mary Hendershot, a daughter of Edwin Hendershot, formerly of Jerseytown, Pa., but now a resident of Michigan, and this happy union has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Margaret Jane, deceased; William, a collector and clerk in Milton, Pa.; Ida, the wife of Charles Carey of Madison township, Colum-

bia County; George Frederick, a clerk in a wholesale house at Naugatuck, Conn.; John Jacob, of Jerseytown, Pa.; Charles A., a farmer; Anna, the wife of E. F. Johnson of Harrisburg, Pa.; Evan H., who follows the occupation of a farmer; Florence B.; and Lewis. Mr. Kreamer was bereaved of his beloved wife's companionship by death, March 25, 1898, she being aged sixty-three years three months and eleven days. She was a loving wife, a kind mother and a true friend. Religiously she was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Kreamer is a firm Democrat and has served as poor director for several years, and formerly served as school director.

DR. JESSE E. SHUMAN, who has a thorough knowledge of the medical profession, has been actively engaged in practice in the village of Jerseytown since 1891 and is patronized by the leading citizens of that vicinity. He is a son of John W. and Harriet (John) Shuman, and was born July 30, 1869, in Mainville, Columbia County.

The Shuman family is of German descent and has been connected with the history of Columbia County for many years back. Jacob Shuman located where the village of Mainville now is about the year 1802, being one of the early settlers of that community. He settled upon the farm on which his son, John W., now resides, and there conducted an inn and followed the occupation of a farmer the remainder of his life. He also engaged in lumbering. Religiously he was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. He was united in marriage to Mary Miller of Lime-ridge, Columbia County, by whom he had four children: Abraham, a farmer of Morris

County, Kans.; John W., our subject's father; Erastus, a broker of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Lloyd, a farmer of Catawissa township.

John W. Shuman was born on the old homestead at Mainville, April 30, 1847, where he is now residing and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. For a time he was engaged in lumbering and in lime-burning at Lime-ridge, but later turned his attention to farming. He owns 204 acres of land under a high state of cultivation, upon which is a good home and fine buildings. Mr. Shuman is a man of high ideals, is well informed on subjects of current interest, and stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. At the age of sixteen years he displayed his patriotism by volunteering his services to the cause of the Union, and served for a period of nine months. Politically he is a Democrat and has served as justice of the peace about thirteen years. In religious attachments he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee and an active worker. Socially he is a member of Catawissa Lodge, F. & A. M.; and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America of Mainville. He was joined in wedlock to Harriet John, a daughter of Jesse John, who was formerly a farmer of Catawissa township, but now resides with Mr. Shuman. This happy union resulted in the following issue: Dr. Jesse E., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; Warren, a student of Dickinson College; Myron, a student of the Bloomsburg State Normal School; Howard; and Edith.

Dr. Jesse E. Shuman, after completing the prescribed course in the Bloomsburg State Normal School, taught for three terms, and in 1888 began the study of medicine with Dr. J. J. Brown of Bloomsburg. He then took a course in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in May, 1891. Imme-

diately thereafter he took up his practice at Jerseytown, Madison township, where he has remained from that time to this. He acquired a large and lucrative practice and quickly won his way to the good-will of the citizens of that section, establishing an enduring reputation as a skilful physician and surgeon. He is of genial and good-natured disposition and has many friends among his patients. He is vice-president of the Columbia County Medical Society and of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania.

January 1, 1892, Dr. Shuman was joined in hymeneal bonds to Mary John, a daughter of the late Briton and Hannah (Fetterolf) John. Mr. John was killed by being kicked by a horse at a comparatively young age. One daughter, Harriet John, has blessed our subject's home. Fraternally our subject is a Mason and belongs to Washington Lodge No. 265 of Bloomsburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shuman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Jerseytown, Pa.

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**S**EDGWICK B. KARNS, a promising young attorney residing at Benton, Pa., who has been practicing before the Columbia County Bar since the spring of 1898, was born in Benton township, Columbia County, Pa., November 14, 1868, and is a son of Hon. Russell and Elmira (Cole) Karns.

Peter Karns, the grandfather of our subject, was of German origin and was a resident of Columbia County all his life; he resided in Benton township, where he successfully pursued the vocation of an agriculturist.

Hon. Russell Karns, the father of our subject, was born in Benton township, March 17, 1842. He carried on general farming in his native township until 1880, when he became

a resident of Laporte, Sullivan County, Pa., where he has since been proprietor of the Laporte Hotel; he is a very popular citizen and landlord and his hotel is made the headquarters of all traveling men who make that town on their route. He is a veteran of the Civil War and served as lieutenant of Company E, 209th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. Politically he is a staunch Democrat, and is an active and consistent worker in his party. He represented Sullivan County in the State Legislature from 1891 to 1893. Mr. Karns was united in the bonds of wedlock to Elmira Cole, a daughter of William Cole, a prominent citizen of Benton township, Columbia County, and they are the parents of six children, three of whom are now living, namely: Sedgwick B., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Cora Stomont, widow of the late Robert M. Stomont of Laporte, Pa.; and Harry A., a law student of Laporte and an active worker of the P. O. S. of A.

Sedgwick B. Karns acquired a liberal education in the public schools of his native town and then attended the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, graduating in 1891; he then took a one-year course in the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and returning to Laporte he completed his law studies in the office of T. J. and F. H. Ingham, the leading attorneys of that borough. December 17, 1896, he was admitted to the Sullivan County Bar and practiced in Laporte one year and three months. In the spring of 1898 our subject was admitted to the Columbia County Bar and has since practiced in the town of Benton, where he is winning hosts of friends and bids fair to become one of the leaders of his community.

Mr. Karns is a member of Russell Karns Camp No. 319, Sons of Veterans, of Benton; and a member of Washington Camp No. 123, P. O. S. of A., of Benton. In politics our







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subject is a solid Democrat. In November, 1890, Mr. Karns was united in the bonds of matrimony to Carrie S. Keeler of Laporte, and they are the parents of two children, Helen Corinne and Ruth Louise.

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**T**HOMAS H. EDGAR, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Stillwater, Fishing Creek township, Pa., whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is successfully engaged in operating a planing-mill in that village. He is a son of James and Sarah (McHenry) Edgar, and was born in Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, Pa., near the village of Stillwater, February 15, 1845.

The Edgar family is of Scotch extraction. James Edgar, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York state, but resided in Columbia County, Pa., nearly all of his active days. He resided in Fishing Creek and Benton townships for many years and was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and his latter days were spent in the state of Ohio, where he died at an advanced age. His wife was a Miss Buchanan, a native of Long Island, N. Y., and a relative of President Buchanan. These children were born to the couple as follows: John, who married Hester Zimmerman; Robert, who wedded Susanna McHenry; Martha, who was the wife of Moses McHenry and resided in Fishing Creek township, Columbia County; Ellen, who was the wife of Elias McHenry; Elizabeth, who was united in marriage to John Jackson; Edward, who resided in the state of Ohio; Christina, who was the wife of Silas McHenry and resided in the state of Ohio; and James, the youngest, the father of our subject.

James Edgar was born on his father's farm

in Fishing Creek township, August 22, 1806, where he was engaged in farming and lumbering a number of years; later he sold his farm in that township and became a resident of Benton township, where he remained a short time, when he returned to his native place. Mr. Edgar took an active part in public affairs and was one of the leading and progressive men of his community. He served as constable for many years. In 1828 he was joined in marriage to Sarah McHenry, a daughter of Daniel McHenry, a son of one of the pioneer settlers of that section. She was born April 28, 1810, and died in Fishing Creek township, September 10, 1882. This union resulted in the birth of nine sons and one daughter, namely: Daniel, who died October 23, 1890, was a miller by trade, and his wife was Louise Stoker of Luzerne County, Pa.; Robert died February 25, 1897, aged sixty-four years; Emanuel, a stonemason by trade who wedded Martha McHenry; George W., a farmer residing in Clay County, Neb., and was united in marriage to Nellie Smith of Pittston, Pa.; William E., late a farmer of Fishing Creek township; Hiram R., who is a farmer and stockraiser of Loup County, Neb.; James C., who married Rose Smith and is a resident of Pittston, Pa.; Thomas H., our subject; Benjamin Franklin, who died April 22, 1898; and a daughter who died in infancy. Our subject's father passed from this life April 16, 1883.

Thomas H. Edgar, our subject, was educated in the district school and at New Columbia Academy and remained under the parental roof until he attained the age of eighteen years, assisting his father in his labors about the farm. He then went to Cambria where he learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, which trade he followed in that village until 1867; he then spent two years at Rohrsburg.

Pa., and one year at Centralia, engaged in the mercantile business. He also kept a store at Mount Carmel, Pa., which was destroyed by fire. Moving to Benton township he worked in a planing-mill, and later operated a mill at North Mountain; in 1877 he returned to Stillwater, where he erected a planing-mill 51 by 72 feet and has since carried on that business to the present time; he also built a chopping-mill 30 by 36 feet. He manufactures all kinds of building material, including sashes, doors, windows, staircases, and mantel pieces. Our subject is also engaged in general building and contracting and has erected eighteen houses in Bloomsburg, and many of the finest residences in Stillwater.

Mr. Edgar is a staunch Democrat. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. of Stillwater, and in religious views he is a Christian. On December 26, 1867, he was united in marriage to Cecilia Alice McHenry, who was born July 26, 1848, a daughter of James D. McHenry. Three children have blessed the home of our subject and wife, namely: Harry O., born April 16, 1869, died February 18, 1888; Lelia I., born June 11, 1871, who is the wife of W. L. McHenry, a farmer of Fishing Creek township; and Orvis Roy, born February 8, 1883, who is attending school.

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**M**ARTIN L. BROBST, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Columbia County, Pa., who resides on a fine farm of 240 acres in Hemlock township, is one of the highly respected farmers of his community. He was born in Columbia County, Pa., August 1, 1861, and is a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Johnson) Brobst, and a grandson of Jacob Brobst.

Jacob Brobst, the grandfather of our sub-

ject, and his brother immigrated to America about one hundred years ago and located in the state of New York, and in some way they became separated and never heard of each other afterwards. Our subject's grandfather located in Valley township, Montour County, Pa., and was classed among the pioneer settlers of that county. He was a man of great force of character, sturdy and independent in views, and possessed all the characteristics required by a man in order to make his way successfully in those rugged days. At that time the country was covered by a dense forest, and Mr. Brobst's neighbors were the Indians and wild animals that roved through the woods. He purchased a large tract of land and in due time cleared a farm from the wilderness and established a comfortable homestead, upon which he remained until he passed to the silent land. His home was used as a trading-post between the Indians and the white settlers, who would journey there from many miles distant; our subject's grandfather had many skirmishes with the Indians, who would burn his hay-stacks and commit other depredations. He was a member of the Lutheran Church; his wife was a Miss Mowery, a descendant of one of the early families of Montour County. The following children were the result of this union: Jonathan, formerly a blacksmith of Valley township, Montour County; Elizabeth, widow of a Mr. Miller, who now resides in Frosty Valley, Montour County; Daniel M., our subject's father; David, a retired wagonmaker of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Jacob, a farmer of Valley township; John, a shoemaker of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Adam, a farmer of Valley township; Kate, the wife of Nicholas Fish of Danville, Pa.; Lydia, the wife of John Stoffer of Hemlock township, Columbia County; and Michael, a farmer of Valley township, Montour County.



Daniel Brobst, father of our subject, was born in Valley township, Montour County, Pa., July 8, 1833, and was a shoemaker by trade, which occupation he followed all his life; he also conducted a store many years in connection with his shoe business. In 1886 he moved to Columbia County, where he has since lived in retirement, enjoying a well-earned competency. In religious views our subject's father is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Rebecca Johnson, and they are the parents of the following children: Stinson L., one of the well-to-do farmers of Hemlock township, Columbia County; Edward D., who spent fourteen years in the Colorado gold fields, where he was employed as an engineer, and, returning to Bloomsburg, operated the pumps at the Bloomsburg Water Company,—he and our subject own a large farm in Hemlock township; Benjamin F., also a prosperous farmer of Hemlock township, Columbia County; Martin L., the subject of this sketch; Mary E., the wife of John Guliver, a successful farmer residing in Valley township, Montour County; and three children who died in their infancy.

Martin L. Brobst acquired a limited education in the public schools of his native town and in 1884 went to Blackhawk, Colo., and for six years worked in the gold fields of that section. He operated the machinery in the mills for a short time and later operated the mine pumps at a depth of 1,100 feet below the surface. In 1891 our subject and his brother, Edward D., returned home and purchased a farm in the central part of Hemlock township, Columbia County. The farm consists of 240 acres of highly cultivated land, and they have made many improvements upon the same, built new outhouses and a fine residence, and the farm now ranks second to none

in the county. In connection with farming, the brothers conduct a dairy and have a large milk route in Bloomsburg.

Martin L. Brobst was united in marriage in 1891 to Olive Flint of Blackhawk, Colo., and their home has been blessed by two children, Edith C. and Nettie May. Mr. Brobst has been very successful in his undertakings, and as a man of wise judgment, of great industry, and honorable dealings he is held in high esteem in the community of which he is a prominent and worthy member.

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**D**ANIEL L. MILLER, the efficient postmaster and merchant of Eldredsville, Sullivan County, Pa., was born in Point township, Northumberland County, Pa., April 4, 1848, and is the youngest son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Cline) Miller and a grandson of Jacob Miller of New Jersey.

Our subject's grandfather, Jacob Miller, served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War under the illustrious Washington and had an honorable military record of which his descendants speak with just pride. He fought bravely in the struggle for liberty and after the successful termination of the conflict he purchased a farm near Riverside, Pa., and engaged in agricultural pursuits. On this excellent property he lived a peaceful and happy life to an advanced age. Only one shadow was cast upon his happiness; his wife never enjoyed vigorous health, but suffered much in her declining years till called to lay down life's burden and enter into her deserved rest. Three children were born to them: Sarah, who was twice married, her first husband being Suel Gibbs, who served in the Mexican War, and her second husband, John Schwarts; Peter; and Leonard.



Leonard Miller, father of our subject, was, practically, a farmer all his life. He enjoyed the enviable reputation of being a just, fair-minded and honorable man. By conducting his business with ability and success he provided very comfortably for his family and thus opened splendid opportunities for them. He died at the age of sixty-seven years, and his life was considered well and nobly spent, and he was mourned by all who knew him. Elizabeth Cline, daughter of Godfrey Cline, became his wife and lived peacefully by his side until she attained the age of sixty years, having borne him eight children: William; Clarkson; Jacob, who now resides at Danville; Thomas; Mary; Charles, who is located at Turbutville, Pa.; a daughter, who died in infancy; and Daniel L., our subject.

Daniel L. Miller obtained a good education in the public schools of Point township, Northumberland County, Pa. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade and being handy with all kinds of tools, he soon became an expert workman, and for some time worked successfully at his trade in his native county. Looking about for a location he settled in Elkland township, Sullivan County, where he purchased fifty acres of land in 1876 from Joseph Pardoe, whose daughter, Jane Pardoe, became his wife and was a willing helper in making the many improvements needed on his farm, which is now well improved and in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Miller is assisted on the farm by his two sons, Charles and Howard, who are learning all the rural arts and successful schemes of the shrewd granger. About two and a half years ago Mr. Miller leased the G. A. McIlwain house and store, directly adjoining his farm. There he resides and carries on a general country store, also the postoffice, which has been in his charge since 1896.

Some time ago Mr. Miller was called upon to bear the loss of his wife; this loss was a severe blow to him, also to her bereaved children and to her many devoted friends. She died leaving three children: Rena, a lovable young lady, who has learned to wield the birch and who is "teaching young ideas how to shoot" in a way to command success; Charles; and Howard.

Mr. Miller is a man of very decided political views, favoring Democracy, but is gentlemanly in his expression of them. He is intensely interested in local matters pertaining to the welfare of his community. He has been justice of the peace fourteen consecutive years; school director for three years; town clerk one year; assessor for three years; and a member of the election board for nine years.

Quite recently Mr. Miller sought and won the heart and hand of Lydia Norton, daughter of Thomas Norton. She is well and favorably known in the social and religious circles of Elkland township, being a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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JAMES C. BROWN, a gentleman prominent in public affairs in and about Bloomsburg, is the proprietor and editor of the Columbia County Republican, a well-edited and influential paper of the county. He is a civil engineer by profession and for the past six years or more has been acting in that capacity for the borough of Bloomsburg. He is a son of William N. and Loretta (Yonker) Brown, and was born in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa., April 29, 1848. He comes of a prominent old English family and is descended from John Brown, who emigrated from England prior to our

struggle for independence and located on Long Island.

John Brown subsequently moved to Warren County, N. J., and later located with his family in Mifflin township, in what was then Northumberland County, now Columbia County, in the year 1794. He followed his trade, that of a blacksmith, there during the remainder of his life; he served in that capacity for the American Army during the Revolutionary War. For many years he served as justice of the peace. His son, Samuel Brown, grandfather of our subject, was born in Warren County, N. J., and moved to Mifflin township, with the rest of the family, making that his home throughout life. His father having purchased 600 acres of land there, upon his death divided it among four of his children, Samuel receiving the old homestead. This he cultivated until his death in 1823, at the age of forty-five years. He married Dorothy Nice, by whom he had a family of nine children, as follows: John, deceased; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Creasy, now deceased; Sarah, wife of George A. Bowman; William N.; Mathew; James; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Alexander Thompson; George B.; and Elisha B., all of whom are deceased.

William N. Brown was born in Mifflin township, Columbia County, on the old homestead, February 15, 1807, and took up the vocation of a farmer. He continued in that line of work with good results until 1870, when he moved to the village of Mifflinville, renting his farm. He built a house and lived in peaceful retirement until his demise, September 16, 1876. For many years he also conducted a grist and flouring mill. Religiously he was an active member in the Methodist Episcopal Church, holding various offices, among them steward and trustee. He married Nancy Freas, a daughter of John Freas

of Center township, Columbia County, and they had five children: George A., deceased; Albert, a farmer of Ottawa County, Kans.; John F., who lived on the old homestead in Mifflin township until 1898, when he, because of ill health, retired from farming and moved to Mifflinville; Almira, of Mifflinville; and Dorcas, deceased. Mrs. Brown died in 1845 and he formed a second alliance in 1847 with Loretta Yonker, a daughter of Henry Yonker, a native of Germany, who, upon coming to this country, located in Mifflinville, Pa. This marriage resulted in the following offspring: James C., the subject of this personal history; Martha, deceased; Samuel C., employed in the Railway Postal Service between New York and Pittsburg; Malissa J., deceased; and Victoria, the wife of George W. Hess of Bloomsburg, Pa.

James C. Brown received his preparatory education in the public and select schools of Mifflinville, after which he entered the Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa., graduating therefrom in 1868. He then began teaching, accepting a position as professor in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, which he held for three and one-half years, the last half year of which he was principal. In the spring of 1872 he engaged as civil engineer in locating the N. & W. Branch Railroad and was associated with the enterprise until its completion in 1882 as a member of the board of directors, as well as engineer. He also did work in that line for other railroad companies during that time and since has followed that as his profession. He has been engineer of the borough of Bloomsburg for six or eight years and has frequently rendered service to other boroughs in the vicinity. Being a man of much experience, he is frequently called into court to give expert testimony on civil engineering in damage suits. In September,

1875, he purchased the plant of the Columbia County Republican, a four-page, eight-column publication, which makes its appearance weekly, and has since edited it. It is Republican in politics and has a large following, having a good circulation throughout the county, and also in adjoining counties.

Mr. Brown is one of the Republican leaders in his section and is indefatigable in his efforts to bring success to the party. He is frequently a delegate to state conventions, and was a delegate from what was then the Eleventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1884. He also speaks for the state committee during the campaigns. He made a tour of the state as a member of Gen. Hastings' staff during the gubernatorial contest in which Gen. Hastings was a candidate. He is a fluent and convincing speaker and is well versed on all subjects of interest to the people. He is now president of the board of school directors and has been a member of that body for almost twenty years. He is also a director of the Bloomsburg School Furnishing Company and of the Bloomsburg Steam Heating Company, and a trustee of the State Normal School, being vice-president of the board. He is a member and treasurer of the Columbia County Agricultural Society. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is very active in church work. For some fifteen or twenty years he has been secretary of the board of trustees. Mr. Brown is a man of high character, and no other in the county is held in higher esteem.

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**P**OWELL NORTON, who is located at Campbellville, Sullivan County, is one of the most enterprising business men of Forks township. He was born

January 31, 1841, in Forks township, being a son of Thomas and Mary (Bird) Norton.

Thomas Norton, the father of our subject, was born in England, May 6, 1808, and in 1830 immigrated to America with his brother Charles. Both bought tracts of wild and uncultivated land of Dr. Priestly, Thomas buying one hundred acres on what is now known as Norton's Ridge in the northwest part of Forks township. After clearing a small part of the land which was heavily covered with timber, Mr. Norton built a small log cabin and began life there with small resources, but a most resolute determination to succeed. Mr. Norton married Mary Bird, born November 8, 1816, and a daughter of Powell Bird. As the years passed they cleared the farm and made many new improvements thereon. Mr. Norton was a blacksmith by trade. In his younger days he worked some at Eagles Mere; later in life he did all of his own blacksmithing and most of that of his neighbors. He was a staunch member of the Democratic party, and served the township as supervisor, collector, etc. Mr. Norton died February 2, 1884, at the age of seventy-six years, and was buried in the Bird cemetery. He and his good wife were the parents of eight children, as follows: Esther, wife of George Schill of Elkland township; William, a farmer in Forks township; Powell, our subject; Emeline, who died at the age of fifteen; Ira, who died at the age of one year; Lydia, wife of Daniel Miller; Maria, who married W. S. Pieffenbauch; Washington, who died at the age of twenty-five; George B., who married Jennie Campbell of Estella, Pa.; and James, who died at the age of fourteen.

Powell Norton married Mary B. Bedford, daughter of Rev. Richard and Arvilla (Wheat) Bedford. Rev. Richard Bedford was a son of Richard Bedford, and was born in England.



His father immigrated to this country when he was about twelve years of age and two years later his mother died. His father then married Laurena Waller. He moved to Forks township, Sullivan County, Pa., where he settled on the estate now owned and lived upon by Mrs. Watson Fawcett. His children by his first wife were named Richard, Hannah and Franklin. By his second union he had two children: Varley and Alice, both deceased. Rev. Richard Bedford studied theology and was ordained a Methodist minister, which profession he followed many years, settling in his later life on the old Bedford homestead in Forks township, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was one of the most active and prominent men in his district. He was a man of superior education and fine intellect and, although books in his day were high-priced, he gathered the largest and most up-to-date library in Sullivan County. A portion of the library is now in the possession of Mr. Norton and he has added many valuable volumes. Mr. Bedford was the first superintendent of schools in Sullivan County and served as one of the first associate judges of the county, filling the judgeship for two terms. He also represented Sullivan County two terms in the State Legislature. Rev. Mr. Bedford's useful life was closed at the age of seventy-one years, his wife departing this life at the age of sixty. Their children were: Mary B., wife of our subject; Ada, who married Watson Fawcett; and three who died in infancy.

Powell Norton, the subject of this biography, attended the public schools of his native place where he received a good fundamental education. When a young man he started as a farmer for himself, buying the Rogers farm in Forks township which consisted of 140 acres. Besides making many improvements on the land he built a new

house and barns. Together with John W. Norton he bought the Campbell flour and feed mill. John W. Norton was succeeded as our subject's partner by S. M. Hotteinstein, the firm now being Norton & Hotteinstein. They do a large custom trade, dealing extensively in flour, feed, meal and grain, and also handle all kinds of agricultural implements necessary in that section. They own a traction engine and do threshing, silo-work and the like.

Mr. Norton erected at Campbellville a house and store which he rented for a period of years to Mr. Merithew, but now he conducts a country store in the place. He is also postmaster, having served in that capacity for fifteen years. This post office was established in 1843 by the father of our subject's wife and John Campbell was the first postmaster. Mr. Norton owns his father's homestead which is conducted by his only son now living, Richard W., who married Lizzie Hotteinstein. George I., a second son, died at the age of seven years.

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**G**EORGE K. FAGELY, ex-sheriff of Northumberland County, is one of the enterprising and energetic business men of Shamokin and a prominent and prosperous citizen. He was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland County, November 24, 1845, and is a son of Solomon and Mary E. (Klase) Fagely, and grandson of Christian Fagely.

The Fagelys are of German descent, and have been residents of this state for the past two centuries. Christian Fagely, the grandfather of our subject, who was a native of Maiden Creek township, Berks County, Pa., in 1808 with his family moved to Shamokin township, Northumberland County, where he spent the rest of his life engaged in the culti-



vation of the soil. He purchased a large tract of uncultivated land which he cleared and greatly improved, and was one of the foremost agriculturists of his community, who not only thoroughly understood the occupation in which he was engaged, but was one of those who attained success in following the same. He was the progenitor of seven children all of whom are now deceased. Religiously, Mr. Fagely was an earnest and consistent member of the Lutheran Church. He passed from this earth December 31, 1845, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, three months and twenty-eight days; his wife died June 19, 1843, aged seventy years, two months and one day.

Solomon Fagely, the father of our subject, was born in Maiden Creek township, Berks County, in 1802. He was but six years of age when his parents moved to Northumberland County and settled in Shamokin township. He received a liberal education in the common schools and was reared to agriculture which was his chief occupation throughout his entire life. He also conducted a hotel at Mount Carmel for two years, and later operated a mill at Paxinos for several years. He then returned to the old homestead and continued farming until his death. He was one of the prominent men of his township and by the exercise of his natural energy, industry, and all those qualities which constitute a good citizen and business man, he became a useful and valued member of his community. Mr. Fagely was originally a Douglas Democrat, but after the Civil War broke out he affiliated with the Republican party. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary E. Klase and a family of eleven children was born to them, namely: Valentine, a retired citizen residing in Shamokin township, Northumberland County; William, who died August 5, 1856, aged twenty-two years, eight months, and fif-

teen days; Henry K., a resident of Sunbury, is the proprietor of the Standard Wire Nail Works and a general merchandise store; George K., the subject of this personal history; Elizabeth, now deceased, who married Solomon Weaver of Sunbury, Pa.; Caroline, who married W. Haas of Shamokin township; Catherine, deceased, who married Scott McWilliams of Shamokin, Pa.; Rosanna, deceased, who married Henry Tricellis of Sunbury, Pa.; Harriet, who died in infancy; Ella, who married Scott McWilliams, who is now deceased; and Mary, who died unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Fagely and family were members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Fagely entered the world of rest September 6, 1883, aged eighty-one years, two months and seventeen days. The mother of our subject joined her husband February 13, 1887, at the age of eighty-three years, two months and ten days.

Our subject received what education he possesses in the common schools. His early life was passed on the old homestead in assisting his father in the labors on the farm until he was sixteen years of age; he then engaged as a clerk in his brother's store and remained there two years, and then clerked in a store at Ashland, Pa., for a short time. During the Rebellion, when President Lincoln issued a call for troops, our subject laid aside all plans for the future, and enlisted June 16, 1863, in Company A, 28th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and was honorably discharged July 27, 1863. March 13, 1865, our subject re-enlisted for three years or during the war, in Company E, 103d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and was mustered out at Newbern, N. C., June 25, 1865. Returning home to his native state he settled in Snyder County where he conducted a mercantile store for four years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Shamokin, Northumberland County, and en-





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gaged in huckstering and ran an individual car on the railroad. The next ten years were spent in Snyder County, and in 1880 he returned to Shamokin, where he again took up merchandising and carried on that line of business until January 1, 1896. He was one of the enterprising and progressive merchants of Shamokin and by his straightforward methods of dealing he succeeded in establishing a large and enviable patronage. In the fall of 1895 Mr. Fagely was a candidate for sheriff of Northumberland County and was elected by a majority of 1,227 votes, which shows his popularity and the esteem and respect in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. He is a strong Republican and has contributed much toward the success of his chosen party. He has also served as a councilman and as a school director of Shamokin.

Our subject is now conducting a wholesale flour and feed store on Independence street and also operates a roller process flour mill in Snyder County. Mr. Fagely is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Calvary Commandery, No. 123, Knights of Malta; Washington Camp, No. 149, P. O. S. of A.; and Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of Shamokin. He was a director in the post, which is probably worth \$70,000, and is one of the richest G. A. R. posts in the state of Pennsylvania.

Our subject was joined in the bonds of marriage November 17, 1867, with Mary A. Yoder of Snyder County, and one child was born to them, Mary N., now deceased. Mrs. Fagely passed from this life September 1, 1869. Our subject formed a second marriage with Anna Keeler January 6, 1871, and one child blesses their home, namely: Solomon Grant, who is now deputy sheriff under his father.

**L**INCOLN H. BOODY. Among the prosperous business men of Columbia County who have succeeded in life mainly on account of their energy, perseverance and economy, coupled with the fact that success in life depends considerably upon attending to one's business and not mixing in the affairs of neighbors, is the subject of this biographical sketch, whose portrait is shown on a preceding page. Mr. Boody is one of the hustling business men of the town of Rupert and is the proprietor of the Rupert Granite & Marble Works. He was born at Mullica Hill, N. J., September 28, 1860, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Looper) Boody.

The Boody family is of English origin, and the first of that name to locate in this country settled in the state of New Jersey, where they were engaged in tilling the soil. George Boody, the grandfather of our subject, owned a large farm where the village of Vineland, N. J., now stands.

David Boody, the father of our subject, was a millwright, carpenter and cabinetmaker by trade, and followed those occupations at intervals throughout his entire life. He also contracted for building and erected many large manufacturing plants throughout the country. Mr. Boody was an author of considerable note and his most valuable work was a history of the Civil War, which was not completed by him on account of his death. When the Civil War broke out he assisted in forming the first company that left the state of New Jersey in response to the call issued by President Lincoln. After three years' gallant service he fell a martyr to the Union cause. He was united in the bonds of matrimony to Elizabeth Looper, a daughter of John Looper, a well-to-do resident of Gloucester, N. J. As a result of this union three sons and three daughters were born, namely: R. H., a hotelkeeper re-



siding at Tivoli, Pa.; David, who is employed in the iron mills; Rachael, who was drowned at the age of eighteen years; Amy, wife of William Camm of Bridgeton, N. J.; Lincoln H., our subject; and Hattie, wife of John Fletcher of Fairton, N. J.

Upon the death of Mr. Boody our subject's mother, after losing considerable property, moved to Mullica Hill with her family and our subject at a very early age was compelled, at the age of nine years, to go to work in a nail factory. After remaining there a short time he was employed as a cabinboy and assistant cook aboard several vessels, continuing that line of business a number of years. In 1876 he moved to Philadelphia, where he worked in a market at No. 12 Market street. His next move was to Rupert, Columbia County, Pa., where he served an apprenticeship to the stonecutting trade. After learning the trade he became a salesman and later he was taken as a partner in the works owned by his brother, R. H. Boody. They successfully carried on that business and later started another granite and marble works at Hughesville, Columbia County. In 1888 the firm dissolved partnership and our subject became sole proprietor of the Rupert works, and in 1896 he purchased the works at Hughesville. Mr. Boody is now carrying on a successful business and is evidently on the high road to prosperity. He is a fair-and-square business man, and, though young in years, has made his mark in the community where he resides. He has a large and increasing trade and is esteemed throughout the county for his strict business principles and upright character. He is at present carrying a stock worth twelve thousand dollars and also owns considerable property in and about Rupert, including a fine farm. Our subject was one of the first in this section to engage in the bicycle busi-

ness, and besides he is an expert rider and has won many prizes for both speed and trick riding. Mr. Boody is an unwavering Democrat.

On December 21, 1887, Sarah L. Nichols of Bridgeton, N. J., and our subject were united in marriage, and as a result of this union three children blessed their home: Mary Catherine; Porter Rupert, who died in infancy; and Letitia Morgan.

As one of the esteemed citizens of Columbia County, Lincoln Boody occupies an enviable position. He possesses more than ordinary intelligence, is truly a self-made man, of high principles, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and is a citizen whose worth is appreciated at its full value.

LEW C. FOSNOT, the subject of this short sketch, the able editor of the *Watsonstown Record and Star*, was born February 8, 1848, in Cumberland County, Pa., and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Vanderbilt) Fosnot.

Jacob Fosnot, our subject's father, was born in 1804, and died in 1850. He was a weaver by trade. He married Mary Vanderbilt, who was born in 1804, and died in 1872, surviving her husband twenty-two years. Their family consisted of twelve children, eight of whom grew to maturity, as follows: William C.; Mary Jane; Martha M.; John C.; Joshua V.; Edward W.; Lew C.; and Henry J.

Lew C. Fosnot, our subject, received a good education in the public schools and then learned the printer's trade. Feeling it his duty to serve his country in her hour of need he enlisted as a private on January 30, 1864, in Battery G, 2d Reg., Pa. Artillery, and served until January 29, 1866, going with the armies of the Potomac and James. He was also employed in the United States Weather Bureau

for three months. In 1877 he became the editor of the *Watsonstown Record*, and in 1882 began the publication of the *West Branch Star*, which he has continued to edit with marked success until the present time. In 1884 the *Record* was consolidated with the *Star* under the name of the *Record and Star*. In politics the paper is independent, always championing that which is best for the town and county.

Mr. Fosnot has ever upheld the principles of the Democratic party, and is a member of the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F. On January 23, 1871, he was united in marriage with Belle Westafer of Newville, Pa., and three children blessed this union, but only one son, John Clyde, survives, the two daughters, Lulu Maud and Bessie Irene, having gone to a better world.

URIAS BLOOM of Sunbury, Northumberland County, formerly was register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the Orphans' Court of the county. He is a son of Hiram and Maria (Hileman) Bloom, and was born in Lower Augusta, now Rockefeller township, Northumberland County, April 1, 1854.

Our subject's ancestors were pioneers of Northumberland County and for five generations the family has been prominent and intimately connected with the growth and history of the county. The first of the family to locate in the county, Stephen Bloom, settled there prior to 1795 as is demonstrated by his will. A son of Stephen, Samuel Bloom, was the father of Jacob Bloom, and Jacob was the parent of Hiram Bloom, the father of our subject. Samuel Bloom was commissioned a justice of the peace in February, 1809, was county commissioner from 1813 to 1815, and

was county treasurer in 1834-36. He bought the farm on which he long resided from Martin Raker and wife in 1797 and the property, which is near the old stone church in Rockefeller township, is now owned by the subject of our sketch who prizes it highly. Hiram Bloom, father of our subject, was born in what is now Rockefeller township, October 22, 1831, and was a son of Jacob and Julia Ann (Bartholomew) Bloom. He was a carpenter by trade, also was a farmer, and for some years ran a saw-mill. He married Maria Hileman, mother of our subject, in 1852. She was a daughter of Daniel Hileman of Rockefeller township.

The subject of this sketch, Urias Bloom, is the eldest of nine children, eight of whom are living. He was educated in the common schools and when sixteen years old began work as a school teacher, which he continued for four years when he accepted a clerkship in the office of Lemuel Shipman, then recorder. He served also under the successor of Mr. Shipman, George D. Bucher, remaining a clerk in the recorder's office until 1886 when he assumed his duties as register of wills and recorder of deeds to which office he was elected in 1885 as a Democrat. In 1885, when he first stood for the office, Mr. Bloom's popularity was well demonstrated by the fact that he ran 250 votes ahead of the other candidates on the Democratic ticket. He was re-elected in 1888, when he surprised even his closest friends and all of his admirers by running over 1,200 votes ahead of his ticket.

Mr. Bloom was married in Lower Augusta township, November 25, 1879, to Anna M. Wintersteen and their union has been blessed with four children, Essie Uarda, Grace Imogene, Goldie Edna, and an infant son. Mr. Bloom is a Mason, also an Odd Fellow, and is a member of the M. E. Church.

**H**ORACE BREECE, who has been the efficient secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Berwick since October, 1893, is a son of Daniel and Mary (Case) Breece, and was born in Columbia County, Pa., in 1857.

Daniel Breece, father of our subject, was born in Lycoming County, where he learned the trade of a mechanical engineer which he followed for many years at Irondale. He then moved to Bloomsburg, where he resided the remainder of his life. He was united in marriage to Mary Case, a daughter of William Case, and they were the parents of nine children: Jane, wife of J. B. Robinson; Margaret, deceased; George, deceased; Horace, in whom the interest of this sketch centers; Eliza, deceased; Hannah, a teacher of Bloomsburg; William H., who was born October 3, 1863, in Bloomsburg and learned the trade of a mechanic; he entered the employ of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company in 1886, and later held a position in the boiler-room. In 1893 he was promoted to the position of engineer, and has since had charge of the wonderful Porter-Allen cut-off engine with a horse power of 900, which furnishes power by Manila cables to the machine shops, foundry, framing-shop, and other departments of the plant. He was united in marriage to Emma Lundey, a daughter of Pierce Lundy of Berwick, and they have an adopted daughter, D. Ollie, who was born July 17, 1890. The remainder of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Breece were: Dr. Ervin, deceased; and Dora, a teacher. Mr. Breece was called to his eternal resting place at the age of seventy years. His wife survives him and lives in the old homestead at Bloomsburg.

Horace Breece attended the public schools of Bloomsburg, after which he learned the trade of steam engineering which he followed

for three years. In 1879 he removed to Berwick and became an engineer for The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and faithfully acted in that capacity for fourteen years, when he was appointed secretary of the Berwick Y. M. C. A. The association was organized in 1878 in the basement of the M. E. Church by C. H. Zehnder, who was assisted by George S. Bennett and George Lepard. They elected the following officers: C. G. Jackson, president; Isaiah Bower, vice-president; and C. H. Zehnder, secretary, without pay. It was established in rooms donated by The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company which also furnished the light and heat free of cost to the association. As the institution flourished and the membership increased rapidly, the rooms were found to be too small, and the erection of a more adequate building was planned, the following donations having been generously offered: \$6,000 and the light by Mr. C. R. Woodin; a three-story dwelling house and \$3,000 by Mrs. E. S. Jackson; and liberal subscriptions by many of the prominent business men. This enabled the association to begin work on the present building in 1884 and it was dedicated April 7, 1885 with suitable services. It is a handsome brick building, 45 by 66 feet, containing two stories and a basement; has a beautiful library containing 5,000 volumes; a large and spacious reading room; two social rooms on the first floor; an auditorium with a seating capacity of 350 people; parlors; and in the basement a large gymnasium for the accommodation of athletic young men; and also good baths. The building is well supplied with electric lights and gas and is heated by a hot-air system. There has been an ever-increasing membership under the faithful guidance of Mr. Breece and preceding secretaries, and there are now over three hundred







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members enrolled. Mr. Breece is a man of purpose and it has ever been his aim to elevate the social and moral standing of the community.

Our subject was joined in the bonds of matrimony to Sadie Van Horn, a daughter of Abraham and Susan Van Horn of Bloomsburg, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: George, who died in infancy; May L.; Fred N.; and Horace Willard. Mr. Breece is past commander of the Knights of Malta, a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

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**U**LYSSES BIRD, a representative farmer and surveyor of Elkland township, is descended from one of the oldest families of Sullivan County. He is a son of George C. and Harriet (Kaye) Bird, and was born on the farm on which he now resides, October 3, 1856.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Powell Bird, was born in Norfolk, England, and came to this country in 1792, locating in Northumberland County, Pa. He made the acquaintance of Dr. Joseph Priestly, who owned extensive landed interests in what is now Sullivan County, and offered choice tracts of land as an inducement to the early settlers to make that their home. In 1794 Mr. Bird located on a tract of 150 acres, all of which was located in Forks township on the Little Loyalsock Creek, upon which J. K. Bird now resides, and, with William Molyneux and John Warren, was the first to locate in the county. They all lived within a few miles of each other, each having cleared a piece of land on which to erect log cabins and then been joined by their families. The cen-

tennial of the settlement of these three old pioneer families was celebrated at the Forks-ville Fair, October 5, 1894, and excited much favorable comment. This hardy old ancestor of our subject devoted the remainder of his life to clearing up the place. Being a weaver by trade he built a loom and wove all of the cloth for his own family and neighbors. Living as they did out in the forest far from civilization with none but the wild animals for friends, these pioneers met with many thrilling experiences and at times narrowly averted death. Mr. Bird was a man of education and during the last years of his life acted as local Baptist minister. It may indeed be said that his was an exemplary life, one of which his descendants are justly proud. He married Lydia Hannant and they became the parents of twenty-one children, nineteen daughters and two sons, the following being the only ones of whom there is any record: Mrs. Mary Jones; George; Mrs. Rebecca Molyneux, the first white child born in Sullivan County, who was born June 1, 1797; Mrs. Sarah Bennett; Mrs. Ruth Bennett; Mrs. Lydia Yours; Mrs. Eleanor Bull; Esther; Philip I.; Mrs. Elizabeth Summers; and Iona. Powell Bird lived to the age of eighty years, dying April 13, 1829; his wife died June 29, 1832, both being buried in the Bird family cemetery, a portion of the original purchase.

George Bird, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1790 and after reaching manhood inherited the old homestead upon which he built the frame house, which is still standing and in good condition. He followed farming all of his life and, as his sons grew up, with their aid built and operated a saw-mill, the lumber from which he floated down the river on rafts to market. He was a Whig in politics. Mr. Bird was famous as a hunter and killed many panthers and wolves and

bears without limit. He once saved the life of his nephew, Job Summers, by despatching a panther which held Mr. Summers in its embrace. Mr. Bird married Sarah King and their children were as follows: Phoebe, who married John Fawcett; Powell, who married Sarah Molyneux; Mary, who married Thomas Norton; Thomas, who died in early youth; Esther, who married Richard Biddle; Lydia, who married Joseph Fawcett; Charles, who married Harriet Molyneux; William, who died at an early age; George C.; Ann; and John K., who married Carrie Yonkin. Mr. Bird died on July 14, 1872, and his wife passed away in 1867 at the age of seventy-nine years.

George C. Bird, our subject's father, was born on the old homestead February 14, 1829. He assisted his father in the duties about the farm until 1855 when he purchased a tract of 106 acres on the Strong Run Creek. At the time of his purchase the tract was a wilderness untouched by the hand of man, and after clearing fifteen acres he erected a board cabin, the lumber for which was obtained with great difficulty, a portion of it being carried by hand, as there were no wagon roads. There he located with his bride, and they have lived there to this day, clearing away the forest and converting the land into rich and cultivated fields. After a time the cabin became unsuited to the marked advancement which had been made in other particulars and in 1857 it was replaced by a commodious house. Mr. Bird took great pleasure in hunting and fishing. He killed several bears, about 300 deer and scores of small game. Game became scarce in his locality and he made several trips up the West Branch of the Susquehanna River on most successful hunting expeditions. Although Mr. Bird is now almost three-score and ten he is hale and hearty and his business transactions are extensive, he being a large

dealer in lumber. Politically he is a staunch Republican and has served as jury commissioner and assessor, and has filled a number of township offices. He is a man of marked ability and is well known to the citizens throughout his section of the county. His union with Harriet Kaye resulted in the following offspring: Ulysses; Alma, who is the wife of W. E. Miller; Mary, the wife of G. C. Bird-sall; Jennie, wife of J. P. Rogers; Nellie, who married Charles Clark; and Isadore, who married B. R. Plotts.

Ulysses Bird, the subject of this biographical record, attended the public schools and the Normal National University of Lebanon, Ohio, where he took a special course in surveying and bookkeeping, graduating with high honors in the class of 1885. Our subject has a permanent certificate from the state for teaching and has already taught twelve terms. He has since devoted his time principally to farming and surveying in Sullivan and Bradford counties, being highly successful. In 1885 he purchased fifty-six acres of the old homestead farm, upon which he built a fine modern home, and has since bought an additional tract of one hundred and fifty acres of timberland, engaging in lumbering to a great extent. He is a man of exceptional business ability, honest and energetic, and he occupies a high place in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Bird has held all the offices in the Sullivan County Agricultural Society and at this date is president of the organization.

Mr. Bird was united in marriage with Emma McCadden, a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Lockwood) McCadden. Thomas McCadden was born in England in 1832 and came to the United States in 1868, locating in Philadelphia. At the time of his death, in 1898, he was living in the city of Brooklyn. He was the father of the following children:



Joseph; Mary; Joseph; Alfred; George; Emma; Herbert; Mary H.; Selina; James; Earnest; Lillie; Dora; Delbert; and Arthur. Our subject and his wife are the happy parents of five children: Carl Orlando, born April 28, 1886; LaRue, born April 5, 1887; Victor, born January 18, 1889; Lloyd Vernon, born September 7, 1890; and Myra, born October 29, 1894. Mr. Bird has been a life-long Republican and he has served as school director, county auditor for six years, for ten years as justice of the peace, and in 1890 he was census enumerator. In religious views he is a Wesleyan Methodist. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and of the Grange. His portrait is shown on another page of this work.

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**F**IRAM H. BROWN is one of the honored and prominent farmers of Scott township, Columbia County, Pa., and is also successfully engaged in raising and selling the Italian honey bee. He was born in Mifflin township, Columbia County, June 29, 1837, and is a son of John and Jane (Hutchison) Brown.

There is in the Brown family an old Bible and on a fly-leaf the following lines were written by James Brown, the great-great-grandfather of our subject: "England is my native land and Long Island my home," and dated 1716. He probably moved to Hainesburg, N. J., and there spent his remaining days, at least his son John, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, resided there and was the owner of considerable property. The latter built an old stone house and above the door appears the date 1789; this ancient building is still being used and is owned by a Mr. Brugler, one of his descendants. John

Brown disposed of his property in the state of New Jersey and moved to Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa., and purchased a large tract of land four miles east of the town of Mifflin. Finding his purchase unsuitable for farming land he sold the property and bought what is now known as the Rosebud farm, which is in Mifflin township. In addition to farming he was a gunsmith and blacksmith by trade; he served throughout the Revolutionary War, and besides doing the duties of a regular soldier, he shod the horses in camp and repaired guns. He was treasurer of the Nescopeck Bridge Company at Berwick, Pa., as is shown by a share of stock, No. 105, now in possession of his great-grandson, the subject of this sketch, which share is dated August 6, 1814. He was twice married and was the father of five children, namely: James, Samuel, Mary, Elizabeth, and Sarah.

Samuel Brown, the grandfather of our subject, was reared on his father's farm, and was a farmer and miller. He operated what is now known as the Brown Mills which were supposed to have been erected by his father. He was wedded to Dortha Nice of Philadelphia, and they reared the following children: John, the father of our subject; Mary Margaret, who was the wife of Samuel Creasy of Mifflin township, both now deceased; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of George A. Bowman, also of Scott township; William N., deceased, was formerly a farmer of Mifflin township, but later owned the Brown Mills,—he is the father of James C. Brown, editor of one of Bloomsburg's most flourishing papers; Mathew, late a farmer of Mifflin township; James, deceased, who was a boatman on the Schuylkill Canal; Elizabeth, who wedded Alexander Thompson of Berwick, Columbia County; George B., deceased, who was a dentist and book and stationery dealer of Dan-



ville, Pa.; and Elisha, late a merchant of Mifflin.

John Brown, the father of our subject, carried on farming and operated the Brown Mills during his early manhood, and was also engaged in the mercantile business at Mifflin. He was a very prominent member of his community and took much interest in public affairs. Politically he was an old line Whig. He passed from this life February 21, 1855. He was twice married and by his first wife, Mary Freas, a family of three children was reared, namely: Samuel, deceased, who was engaged in farming on the homestead; Freas, deceased, who started in life as a miller but later embarked in the mercantile business at Columbus, Pa.; and William, who died in his infancy. His second marriage was to Jane Hutchison, whose father was a well-to-do farmer of Center township, Columbia County. As a result of this union two sons and two daughters were born, namely: Margaret M., the wife of Hiram B. Freas, who reside in Chicago, Ill.; our subject; Elizabeth, wife of William Hill, a farmer of Center township, Columbia County; and Mark, who died in his boyhood days.

Hiram H. Brown was reared upon the farm until he was eleven years of age, when his father moved to Mifflin. Our subject was educated in the public and select schools of Bloomsburg, commenced teaching at the age of seventeen years, and taught twelve winters; during the summers of 1855-56 he attended the Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa. In 1857 he located at Limeridge, Columbia County, where he was engaged in the lumber business until 1865. In the spring of 1866 he moved upon the old Britton homestead and has since been engaged in the cultivation of the soil; he also deals extensively in Italian bees, and in bee colonies, combs, foundations and extractors.

Mr. Brown was one of the chief organizers of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, which entered upon its business career December 29, 1874, and on January 11, 1875, he was elected vice-president of the company, and has held that office fourteen years. January 11, 1892, he was elected secretary, which office he still holds. During the time when the Farmers' Grange flourished in this section, he was one of its most active supporters; was deputy grand master of Columbia and Luzerne counties from 1873 to 1880, and during that period he assisted in organizing twenty-seven local Granges. In 1860 he joined Mountain Lodge, I. O. O. F., and in 1870 withdrew to become a charter member of the Espy Lodge, No. 681, of which he is now past grand master; in 1863 he was elected to membership in Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg; is a charter member of Camp No. 17, P. O. S. of A., of Light Street, and was district president of the same in 1895. In religious views Mr. Brown is an active member of the Methodist Church. He was school director three years and assessor of the township eighteen years. On March 21, 1861, Mr. Brown and Elizabeth Conner were united in the bonds of matrimony, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Eber A., a mechanic of Light Street, who married Anna E. Beers of Bloomsburg, Pa., and they have a son, Claude C., born October 7, 1898; Morse, who died in infancy; and Hannah J., who married H. W. Black of White Hall, Pa., and they have one child, Edith. The Conner family is of Irish descent. John Conner, the grandfather of Mrs. Hiram Brown, was a well known tanner and farmer of Center township, Columbia County, and was one of the wealthiest men in that section of the state. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Conner was twice





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married; his first wife was Miss Hill who bore him the following children: Mary; Thomas; Samuel; Isaiah; John; and Charles. His second wife was Elizabeth Nyer and two children resulted from this union, Joseph P. and Rebecca. Thomas Conner, the father of our subject's wife, was born in Center township where he was engaged in farming all his life. He died in September, 1862, at the age of fifty-four years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Hannah Laubach, a daughter of Frederick Laubach, a farmer of Benton township, Columbia County. To this union three sons and two daughters were born: John Freas, a farmer residing in Kansas; George, a farmer of Scott township; Elizabeth, the wife of our subject; Alfred, deceased, who worked in a supply house and furniture store at Cape May, N. J.; and Mary Catherine, wife of W. S. Conner, a resident of Trenton, N. J.

JUDGE ROBERT TAYLOR, Jr., who for five years faithfully served in the capacity of associate judge of Sullivan County, Pa., is now extensively engaged in farming and lumbering on his estate of 370 acres in Davidson township. He is a son of Frederick and Margaret (Edkin) Taylor, and was born in Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, October 2, 1832.

Our subject comes from one of the oldest and a leading family of the county, and is a grandson of Robert Taylor, who was the first of the family to locate in Sullivan County. He came from Lewistown, Pa., and took up a tract of land, thickly covered with timber, which he cleared. He next built a house and carried on farming in connection with operating a grist-mill and a distillery. Thus he

continued until his death at the age of sixty-two years, and became quite wealthy, owning at one time some 600 acres of land. He formed a marital union with Elizabeth Mayhue, and among their children was Frederick, the father of our subject.

Frederick Taylor was born in Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, where he lived most of his life, and became a prominent citizen of Muncy Valley. He was a Democrat in politics and served as supervisor in the township and as school director for many years. He was united in marriage with Margaret Edkin, a native of England, who came to this country with her father, George Edkin, who settled in Shrewsbury township, where he lived the remainder of his life, dying at the advanced age of eighty years. Mrs. Taylor's mother lived to reach the ripe old age of ninety-three. This union was blessed by the birth of eight children, namely: Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Beaver Kitchen, who resides at Montgomery Station, Pa.; William, deceased, who married Mary Anderson, who now resides in Shrewsbury township; Robert, Jr., the subject of this personal history; George E., a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; Sophia, the widow of John Foust, resides in Muncy, Lycoming County; Deborah, deceased, was the wife of John Roach, who is also deceased; Margaret, deceased; and Theodore, who lost his life in 1865, while serving in the Union Army. Mr. Taylor died on March 13, 1886, and his wife joined him beyond the river of Death in February, 1891.

Robert Taylor, Jr., after receiving intellectual training in the common schools, at the age of eighteen years began working on the farm for his father and also engaged in lumbering, continuing with his father until after his marriage. He then moved to his present



farm, which consists of 370 acres of good land, and there has since carried on general farming and lumbering, besides dealing extensively in cattle. He has improved the land to such an extent that it is one of the most valuable pieces of property in the section. He is a man of great energy and enterprise and has been decidedly successful in his various lines of business. In private life he is a good neighbor and a kind friend, and possesses the esteem of a large circle of acquaintances.

In 1868 our subject married Sarah Sellers of Lycoming County, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Sellers. The former was a blacksmith by trade, and both are now deceased. This union resulted in the following offspring: Ocy, the wife of A. T. Armstrong, a merchant, lumber dealer, and the proprietor of a grist-mill at Sonestown,—they have four children, Rita, Taylor, Erma and Mary; Harry, born October 30, 1871; and Edna, who lives at home. In political affiliations Mr. Taylor is an unswerving supporter of the Democratic party, and for five years served the county as associate judge. He has been tax collector and supervisor, and has held many township offices of minor importance. Mrs. Taylor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A recent portrait of Mr. Taylor is shown on a preceding page, in connection with the above sketch of his life.

JOHN JEFFERSON, foreman in the Alaska Colliery at Mount Carmel, Pa., has been actively engaged in the mining business for many years, and by honest labor and untiring energy has worked his way from a lowly position to a well paying and prominent one. He enjoys the respect and

esteem of his many friends and is ranked among the substantial citizens of the borough. He is a son of Joseph Jefferson and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Jefferson, and was born in Pottsville, Pa., May 9, 1840.

Joseph Jefferson, the father of our subject, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1805, and about 1832 immigrated to this country with his wife and two children, locating at Pottsville, Pa. He was a miner by occupation and followed mining in that vicinity for a time. He first operated the Young's Landing Colliery under a contract, but had the misfortune to lose three thousand dollars in the venture owing to the absconding of the man of whom the mine was leased. He later was injured in the mines and was compelled to give up that line of work, but he soon took to agricultural pursuits at which he was more successful. He was a man of much natural ability and commanded the good-will of all with whom he was acquainted. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Wilkinson, and their union resulted in the birth of eight children, as follows: Mary, deceased; Robert, deceased; William, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Ellen, who died in infancy; Charles and Henry, twins; and John, the subject of this biographical record.

John Jefferson was educated in the public schools of Schuylkill County and in Greenwood Seminary. At the age of seventeen years he was apprenticed to the trade of a machinist under William H. DeHavers and served for fourteen months, when he became dissatisfied, during the panic which prevailed in 1857, and gave up his position. He then went into the mines as a laborer where he worked with a faithfulness to be rewarded at the expiration of five years by promotion to a position as fire-boss. He continued in that capacity until 1874 when he was again given an advance, becoming a foreman, and as such

he has been serving up to the present time, with the exception of six years when he was superintending the Shamokin collieries. He has been in the employ of the Reading Company for many years and is now inside-foreman of the Alaska Colliery. He has ever been faithful to the best interests of his employers, who place high value on his services.

Mr. Jefferson was united in marriage with Mary James, by whom he had the following children: Jane; Elizabeth; John E., a railroad man in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; William, deceased; Mary; Laura; Elizabeth; Joseph; Margaret; and Garfield. Our subject formed a second matrimonial alliance with Ellen Six Smith, and two children blessed their union, one of whom, Carrie, is now living.

Politically our subject is a Republican, but is rather inclined to be independent, always supporting the man who in his opinion is best deserving of the office and will best serve the people. Socially he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Mount Carmel; the Odd Fellows Lodge at Shamokin; and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Mount Carmel. He is also a member of the Mount Carmel school board.

WASHINGTON MADISON MONROE. This honored citizen of Rupert, Pa., is successfully engaged in the manufacture of powder kegs and is agent for the Dupont Powder Company. He was born in Muncy, Lycoming County, Pa., September 3, 1838 and is a son of Isaac S. and Elizabeth (Davis) Monroe, grandson of Bennett and Lucy (Sprague) Monroe, and great-grandson of Bennett Monroe.

Bennett Monroe, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Scotland and with

his brothers, Joseph and Nathan, immigrated to this country. One brother located in the state of Virginia and among his descendants was President James Monroe; another settled in the state of Rhode Island; and Bennett settled near the village of Woodstock, Vt., where some of his descendants yet reside. Bennett Monroe, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Woodstock, Vt., and died at his home in Bridgewater, Mass., in 1845. His wife was Lucy Sprague, a member of the honored Sprague family, of which Gov. Sprague was a descendant.

Isaac S. Monroe, the father of our subject, was born in Woodstock, Vt., in 1804. He possessed a good education and during his early life was engaged in contracting and public work; in 1833 he moved to Catawissa, Columbia County, where he built one and one-half miles of the Pennsylvania Canal. He took one of the first boats loaded with coal down the Schuylkill Canal from Pottsville to Philadelphia; he also took a boatload of pig iron from Catawissa to Harrisburg, Pa., over the Susquehanna River, which was probably the only successful trip ever made over that route. Later he engaged in the distilling business at Muncy, Lycoming County, and from there he moved to Columbia County where, from 1847 to 1863, he was extensively engaged in the lumber business. In 1863 he erected a building at Rupert and began the manufacture of powder kegs, which business he followed until his death, on February 4, 1879. Mr. Monroe was internal revenue assessor of what was then the Thirteenth Congressional District but is now the Seventeenth Congressional District, from May, 1863, until November, 1865. From 1861 until his death he was general agent for the Dupont Powder Company, and the following seven counties were assigned as his territory: Columbia.

Montour, Snyder, Lycoming, Sullivan, Northumberland and Schuylkill. On February 1, 1870, he was appointed by the governor as associate judge of Columbia County, and on November 9, 1870, he was elected to the same office for a term of five years. Politically Mr. Monroe was a stanch Democrat until the breaking out of the Rebellion when he joined the ranks of the Republican party. He was a member of Gov. Porter's staff with the rank of major. Socially our subject's father was a member of Catawissa Chapter, No. 178; past grand master of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M.; and a member of Catawissa, now Danville, Commandery, No. 37. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Davis, a daughter of John Davis who was formerly a farmer of Montgomery County, but later of Franklin township, Columbia County. Seven children blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, three of whom died in their infancy. Those who grew to maturity were as follows: Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Peter R. Baldy of Catawissa; Lucy S., died aged seventeen years; our subject; and Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Austin H. Church of Wyoming County, Pa.

Washington M. Monroe, the only member of the family living, was educated in the public schools of Catawissa and in the Hill School of Pottstown, Pa. He was then employed by the Catawissa Railroad Company as operator and ticket-agent at Catawissa and after remaining in the road's employ three years, in 1865 became a partner with his father in the manufacture of powder kegs; upon his father's death our subject succeeded him in the business, and has since been agent for the Dupont Powder Company. The keg factory is a building 40 by 60 feet, has a capacity of 1,000 kegs per day and gives employment to fifteen men.

In politics Mr. Monroe is an unwavering Republican and has contributed much toward the success of his party in his community; his first vote was cast for Stephen A. Douglas. Religiously he and his family hold membership in the Episcopal Church; socially he is a member and past master of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M.; Catawissa Chapter, No. 178; and Danville Commandery, No. 37. February 19, 1861, Mr. Monroe and Ellen B. Leonard, daughter of George T. Leonard of Amity township, Berks County, were united in marriage, and to this union the following children have been given: George T., who was drowned in the Pennsylvania Canal in his boyhood days; Elizabeth, who is the wife of H. H. Royce, a cotton broker of New York City, whose home is at Crawford, N. J.; Mary E., who wedded William E. Johnston a telegraph operator at Rupert; and Ellen and Irene, both of whom are at home.

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**J**OSEPH PARDOE is extensively engaged in general farming and lumbering in Elkland township, Sullivan County, and is one of the most reliable citizens of that community. He comes of an old Sullivan County family, and was born to William and Jane (McCarty) Pardoe, March 30, 1845.

His grandfather was Joseph Pardoe, who came to this country from his native land, England, locating at Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pa., where he became a neighbor of Dr. Priestly, an extensive landowner in Sullivan County, whom he knew previously in England. From him he purchased 200 acres of uncleared land at two dollars per acre, and after clearing sufficient ground he erected a little log cabin into which he moved with his wife. Together they labored zealously and in time converted the



wild timberland through which the wild animals roamed at will into beautiful fields, now under a high state of cultivation. In this little log cabin their children first saw the light of day and there grew to maturity. He lived a long and useful life, spending the last few years in retirement at the home of a daughter, having disposed of the old homestead to Watson Wright, Esq. He lived to reach the age of ninety years and his wife also reached a ripe old age, both now lying buried in the Pardoe burying-ground, a small tract set off from his farm for that purpose. Subsequent to settling in America, he married Sarah Roberts, and eight children blessed their home: William; Joseph; John; George; Richard; Thomas; Elizabeth; and Sarah.

William Pardoe, the father of our subject, also took to agricultural pursuits and, upon reaching manhood, purchased a tract of land three miles south of the old homestead, which consisted of eighty acres of timberland. He made a clearing and built a log house, following farming there the remainder of his days. During the forty-third year of his age, while engaged in clearing some land, he severely cut his foot, and before receiving medical assistance almost bled to death. This wound finally resulted fatally. He married Jane McCarty, a daughter of Joel McCarty, and they reared five children: John, a resident of Forksville; Albert, deceased; Joseph, our subject; Joel, deceased; and Mary, the wife of Frank Barnes of Elkland township. Mrs. Pardoe was fifty-four years of age at the time of her demise. Politically Mr. Pardoe was originally a Whig, but became a Republican upon the organization of that party, serving in a number of township offices. Religiously he was a member of the Society of Friends.

Joseph Pardoe received his intellectual training in the district schools and was reared

on a farm. Upon leaving the parental roof he bought the Henry Huckell farm of one-hundred and thirty-six and one-half acres, and there he has since lived, following a life of consistent industry and great happiness. In 1888 he built a new and handsome house for a residence and also erected a new barn. Surrounding the house are beautifully-laid-out-grounds which, with their large trees and hedges, present a striking appearance. He has not only engaged in general farming, but in lumbering to an extent, leasing portable saw-mills, and sending his lumber to market at New Albany, Pa., and at Wilkesbarre. He has not only attained the highest success in the business world but in private life is esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. Pardoe married Lizzie Molyneux, a daughter of John and Martha Molyneux, and she passed away in 1883, aged forty-three years. Our subject formed a second marital union with Mrs. Mary Kelder, widow of Lester Kelder and a daughter of Edwin Saben, by whom he had one son, Thaddeus, a book-keeper of New Albany. In 1895 William Emery of Forksville, who at that time lost his wife, leaving him with three children, being in straitened circumstances he gave the second child, Gracie, to our subject and wife, with whom she has since lived. Politically Mr. Pardoe is a firm Republican and has served as auditor of the township.

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**J**EREMIAH M. OSLER owns a valuable piece of land along Elk Creek, Elkland township, Sullivan County, where he is engaged in farming and lumbering, his life-long vocations. He is prominently known throughout the county as a man of untiring energy in any business ven-



ture he undertakes and his home and surroundings are of a character showing him to be a careful, conscientious worker. He was born in Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County, Pa., June 25, 1833, and is a son of John H. and Jane (Myers) Osler.

The grandfather of our subject, Jeremiah Osler, was a native of New Jersey. When a young man he settled in Philadelphia where he was known to be one of the best carpenters in that city. He left a wife and two children, John H., and Lydia, deceased. Our subject's grandmother was Catherine Hinkle Osler and she was again wedded to Samuel Bryan who in 1810 moved to Muncy township where he worked at his trade as a carder and cloth-dresser; later he removed to Elkland township and bought the farm now owned by Charles Bryan.

John H. Osler, father of our subject, started in life as an apprentice in the woolen factories at Muncy and being an economical man he saved enough of his hard-earned money with which to purchase a factory; after running a woolen factory from 1835 to 1841 he gave up that business and purchased the property now owned by Clay Osler. He died in Forksville in 1888 at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife was Jane Myers and they became the parents of the following children: Jeremiah M.; Sarah Jane, deceased; Catherine, now Mrs. Huckell; John S., who resides in Elkland township and married Gertrude Ketchum; Julia Ann; Clay M., who wedded Alice Corson and resides in Forks township; Lydia S.; David W., who resides in Lycoming County; H. Wilson, who died young; and Edwin R., who lives in Maryland where he practices medicine. Mr. Osler was an old line Whig, later a Republican, and held many township offices; religiously he was a member of the Methodist Church.

Jeremiah M. Osler attended the schools in his native township where he attained a good business education. The first two years spent on his own account were passed in farming and lumbering on his father's farm. He then came to his present farm, which consists of one hundred and eighty-five acres, and is situated in one of the best farming districts in Sullivan County. Our subject built a saw-mill and rafted his lumber down the river to the markets below doing a large business. He also owns a large tract of timber land and takes contracts for bark-peeling, giving employment to hundreds of men. Mr. Osler is liberal with the poor and among his fellow-citizens he is esteemed and respected by all; like his father and mother he is a good neighbor and an excellent citizen. In 1892 he erected a handsome frame dwelling and a large barn and has one of the best farms in Elkland township.

Mr. Osler formed a matrimonial alliance with Julia A. Brown, who has been of great assistance to him, and who has ably borne her share of the burden in accumulating their present fine property and rearing and educating their family. She is a daughter of George W. and Mary (Snyder) Brown. Her father was a son of John and Mary (Watson) Brown, who reared a family of six children, namely: William, George W., John, Thomas, Ann and Elizabeth. John Brown settled where Henry Brown now resides and died there aged eighty-four years. George W. Brown purchased land in Forks township upon which he built a saw-mill and carried on farming and lumbering all his active days. He died in 1889 aged eighty-six years, while his wife departed from this earth in 1892 aged eighty-eight years. They reared the following children: Charles; Elizabeth; William W.; Mary; Julia Ann, our

subject's wife; John S.; George W.; Effie; and Margaret J.

Mr. and Mrs. Osler are the proud parents of the following children: Hiram W., of Elkland township, who wedded Sadie King by whom he reared five children, Ina, Sidney, Marion, John, and Annie,—he was sheriff of Sullivan County in 1898; Horace Newton a prominent dentist of Dushore, Pa., formerly a veterinary surgeon, a graduate of the Toronto (Ont.) Veterinary College, who was joined in marriage with Catherine Rogers,—two children have been born to them, Lena and Donald; Charles W., died aged two years; John G., died aged twenty-six years; Joseph W., wedded Effie Jones and they reside in Tioga County, Pa.; Mary Jane, deceased, who was the wife of D. F. McCarty; Irvin, died aged four years; Lillie, wife of Grant Little and the mother of three children, Fanny M., Julia, and Otto G.; Fanny W., died aged sixteen years; Nellie J., joined in the bonds of wedlock with Moses Randall and two children, Jeremiah M. and Ransom W., have been born to them; and Boyd L., who is a student.

In politics our subject is independent and has served in minor township offices; religiously he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

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**D**R. JOHN C. RUTTER, one of the oldest and highly-respected citizens of Bloomsburg, located in the town in 1855 and began the practice of his profession. Not only his own success depended on his efforts in this field, but that of the Homeopathic School as well, for he was the first Homeopathic physician in Columbia County and the only one in the town of Bloomsburg for a period of twenty-five years following. He was a faithful student of his profession

and prosperity has been his reward, as no physician in the community ever handled so large a practice.

Our subject was born near the city of Wilmington, Del., December 12, 1826, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Baker) Rutter. His grandfather was Joshua Rutter who with his brother, Thomas, came from England to this country previous to 1790. Thomas became a merchant of Baltimore, Md. Joshua Rutter bought a farm near the city of Baltimore where he spent the remainder of his days in agricultural pursuits.

Thomas Rutter, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead farm in 1792 and followed the occupation of a farmer his entire life. Later in life he settled near Chester, Pa., where his latter days were spent, dying in the year 1848. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Sarah Baker, a daughter of John and Lydia (Marks) Baker of Wilmington, New Castle County, Del. This union resulted in the following issue: John C., a record of whose life is here given; Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Crowther; Margery, widow of a Mr. Holt; Mary, wife of a Mr. Taylor; William, who died at an early age; Joshua, who is interested in cotton works in the state of Delaware; and Thomas, whose death occurred in youth. Mrs. Rutter is yet living at the age of eighty-seven years.

Dr. John C. Rutter attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age. Three years later he went to Wilmington, Del., where he accepted a clerical position. At the age of twenty years he took up the study of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. Caleb Harlan of Wilmington and later attended the Homeopathic Medical College of Philadelphia, which is now known as the Hahnemann Medical College. In the month of May, following his graduation from the

above-mentioned institution on March 3, 1855, he removed to Bloomsburg where he has since practiced medicine.

Dr. Rutter and Jane Clayton, a daughter of John and Ann (Perkins) Clayton, were married August 26, 1848, and a record of their children is as follows: Lamartine, who married Lydia Rodemoyer, and who resides near Bellefonte, Pa.; Henry Harlan, proprietor of the Muncy Democrat of Luzerne County, was a member of the State Legislature from that county in 1894 and 1895, and chose Eva Cloud as his companion in life; Dr. Everett Webster, a practicing physician of Freeland, Luzerne County; Mary Ellen, widow of Dr. D. W. Conners of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Adah Louisa, who married Newton W. Barton; Margaret, who is at home; Rachel M., deceased, who was the wife of Dr. C. B. Frantz; and John C., who married Hattie McKelvy, and is connected with the editorial department of The Democratic Sentinel of Bloomsburg. Politically our subject is a member of the Democratic party and has served for many years on the board of pension examiners. He attends the Episcopal Church, of which his family are members.

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**CAPTAIN HARRISON J. CONNER.**  
 There is, perhaps, nothing of which a man may be more excusably proud than of gallant service in the cause of his country, nor is there any service which lives longer in the grateful memory of a people. Capt. Conner was among those who early offered their services to their country in its hour of peril and who never deserted their post until a peace crowned their efforts. He is one of the highly respected citizens of Orangeville, Pa., and was born in that town December 9, 1841, and is a son of Isaiah and

Catherine R. (Millard) Conner, and a grandson of John Conner.

The Conner family is of Irish origin, and John Conner, the grandfather of our subject, located in Center township, Columbia County, Pa., and, building a large tannery, he engaged in tanning, which business he conducted in connection with farming. He passed from this life in 1862 at the age of eighty years. He was the progenitor of a large family of children.

Isaiah Conner, the father of our subject, was born in Center township, Columbia County, Pa., in 1812, and his younger days were spent working in the tannery owned by his father. Upon attaining his manhood he moved to Orangeville, Columbia County, where he successfully engaged in the tannery business until his death, which occurred in 1855 at the age of forty-two years. Mr. Conner was married to Catherine R. Millard, a daughter of Reece Millard, late a farmer of Briarcreek, now Center township. To this union the following children were born: Harrison J., the subject of this sketch; Anna Rebecca, deceased; Clara, deceased; Millard, a prominent resident of Orangeville; and William T., who died aged thirty years.

Capt. Conner received his intellectual training in the public schools of his native town and at Millville Academy at Millville, Pa., and after his father's death he became connected with the tannery industry and continued that line of business until the breaking out of the Civil War. Being inspired by patriotic feeling, he offered his services in defense of the Union, and April 22, 1861, enlisted as a private in Company A, 6th Reg., Pa. Reserves. His patriotic ardor found full vent on many a hard-contested field of battle where he was eager to discharge his full duty. Our subject took part in all the engagements of the Army







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of the Potomac, the most prominent of which were the battles at Dranesville, Va., December 20, 1861; Second Bull Run, August 29-30-31, 1862; South Mountain, Md., September 14, 1862; Antietam, September 17, 1862; Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862; Gettysburg, Pa., July 1-3, 1863; New Hope Church; Wilderness; Cold Harbor; and Bethesda Church. On September 25, 1862, he was appointed second lieutenant, in which position he served until his discharge. He received an honorable discharge at Harrisburg, Pa., June 11, 1864. In January, 1865, he was appointed first lieutenant of Company G, 3d Reg., U. S. Vet. Vol., Hancock's 1st Army Corps, but was later promoted to captain, and was connected with Hancock's Corps which was retained at Washington after the close of the war. At the close of his military career he spent two years traveling through the West and then returned to Orangeville, where he has since been engaged in various kinds of business. He was one of the organizers of the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad, and is a member and secretary of the board of directors.

In politics Capt. Conner is a staunch Republican and in 1881 he was elected justice of the peace and has held that office to the present time. He is a past commander of Ent Post, G. A. R., of Bloomsburg, and is now a member of Pealer Post, No. 435, G. A. R., of Orangeville; and is past master of Orangeville Lodge, No. 460, F. & A. M.

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**H**ON. MONROE H. KULP, ex-Congressman from the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, and a man of large and varied business interests throughout the state, is a son of the late Darlington R. and Elizabeth (Gil-

bert) Kulp, and was born October 23, 1858, in Barto, Berks County, Pa.

Darlington R. Kulp was one of the most successful lumber dealers in Northumberland County. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 29, 1826, and was a son of Christian and Catharine (Renninger) Kulp, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Montgomery and the latter of Berks County. Both spent their lives in Eastern Pennsylvania, where they lived to the ages of seventy-three and eighty-three years, respectively. The Kulp family is of Holland origin, and were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania, whose thrifty, frugal and industrial habits are so vividly outlined in the history of the early growth of the state. D. R. Kulp was reared near Pottstown, Montgomery County, where he attended the district schools at intervals, receiving a very limited education. He learned the carpenter's trade, and early engaged in the lumber business. On October 5, 1851, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Gilbert, daughter of George and Sallie (Houck) Gilbert of Montgomery County. She was born in New Hanover, Montgomery County, and bore her husband twelve children, eight of whom were living but a short time ago, as follows: Zipporah, wife of Chester B. Thomas of Shamokin; Joanna Catharine, widow of Edwin Shuman; Monroe H.; Clayton A.; Ella J.; Chester G.; Howard C.; and Gilbert G., all residents of Shamokin. In October, 1867, Mr. Kulp removed to Shamokin and continued the lumber business in partnership with D. S. Shultz and William R. Bechtel, under the style of Shultz, Bechtel & Company. In 1869-70 he operated Ben Franklin Colliery under the name of Kulp, Bechtel & Company. In July, 1871, he joined in partnership with Matthias Emes and the firm of Kulp & Emes continued about six years when

the latter was succeeded by Isaac F. Stetler. May 1, 1878, C. Q. McWilliams purchased Mr. Stetler's interest and the firm name became Kulp & McWilliams. In 1879 they added ice and brick to their lumber business, and carried on all three until January 1, 1882, when W. C. McConnell became a member of the firm, and Kulp, McWilliams & Company conducted the business until August 15, 1886, when the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Kulp retaining the lumber interest in the business, which he afterwards continued and in connection with which he bought large tracts of forest land, cut the timber, and converted the property into productive farms, owning at the time of his death some ten farms in Northumberland and adjoining counties. In the spring of 1886 Mr. Kulp and his eldest son, Monroe H., the subject of this historical review, opened a mercantile store under the firm name of D. R. Kulp & Son, which they conducted three years and then sold to J. O. Keeler. D. R. Kulp was first president of the Roaring Creek Water Company and a director of the Shamokin Water Company. Politically he was a Whig and later a Republican. He was an emergency man during Gen. Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania. He served in the borough council and as supervisor of the poor in Coal township. Though reared in the German Reformed Church, Mr. Kulp affiliated with the Lutheran Church after locating in Shamokin. He was a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, F. & A. M. He died January 29, 1893, having earned for himself a splendid reputation as a progressive, enterprising citizen, and an honest, upright man.

Monroe H. Kulp was seven years old when his parents removed to Shamokin and attended a public school there during the winter months, and, when not engaged with school

duties, worked about the collieries, so that at the age of seventeen years he had worked in nearly every branch of the coal industry. He entered the store of his father and worked there until the firm of Kulp & McWilliams was formed, in 1878, when he entered their employ and began studying the business in which he has since become so successful.

Having a desire for a more liberal and extended education, our subject entered the State Normal College at Lebanon, O., in 1879, and for two years pursued such studies as he thought would best adapt him for an active business life; and in 1881 he completed his school life by graduating from Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he made a decidedly creditable record, graduating from the business course of that institution in a shorter time than any other student had completed the course, and his work being highly complimented by the faculty.

On his return from Poughkeepsie, Mr. Kulp took charge of the books of Kulp, McWilliams & Company, and filled the position of bookkeeper and cashier in a most satisfactory manner until the dissolution of the firm in 1886, when his father assumed the entire lumber business formerly operated by the firm, and from the above date until 1892 he was active in the management of the business conjointly with his father. During 1892 his father was stricken with the disease which resulted in his death and the entire responsibility of the management of the business devolved upon the son. The undertaking was a big one as it included the supervision of business operations in timber in nine counties of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the timber tracts aggregating 20,000 acres and giving employment to 300 men. The executive ability which our subject displayed and the



business-like manner in which he discharged every duty in his new capacity attracted the attention of his friends and has contributed much to his subsequent success following the death of his father in 1893. Becoming one of the executors of his father's will, he managed the estate until October 5, 1895, when the firm of Monroe H. Kulp & Company was formed. This company soon began an investigation of some timber lands in Union County, Pa., with the result that a company was formed and incorporated in 1897 for the purpose of purchasing and developing this large tract of timber land. The company was formed under the title of M. H. Kulp & Company, incorporated, and consisted of M. H. Kulp, president and general manager; G. Gilbert Kulp, vice-president; and D. C. Kase-man, secretary and treasurer. This company purchased a tract of timber land aggregating 25,000 acres and immediately set about developing it with the characteristic energy of its head officer. It soon became apparent that in order to develop the lands a railroad must be built and a company, of which Mr. Kulp was president and general manager, was incorporated for this purpose under the title of the Lewisburg & Buffalo Valley Railway Company. The company built a road eighteen miles in length connecting with the Pennsylvania and Reading roads at Lewisburg and extending into this timber field. It is a well-equipped road for the transportation of timber products to Lewisburg, where the company operates a large steam saw-mill. This industry, which is perhaps the largest of its kind in the state, is devoted to the manufacture and shipment of lumber.

Prior to the death of Darlington R. Kulp, the firm of Kulp, Thomas & Company had been formed, consisting of Darlington R. Kulp, Chester B. Thomas, and Monroe H.

Kulp. This firm which operated at Milroy, Mifflin County, Pa., continued until the death of Mr. Kulp. When the estate was settled, Monroe H. purchased the landed interests of this firm and the style of the firm has continued the same to the present time. This firm has also a large tract of timber land which adds considerable to the already extensive lumbering enterprises and includes about 5,000 acres of white pine, yellow pine and oak forests, which is rapidly being converted into lumber through the agency of their big saw-mills, being reached by the means of a fifteen-mile railroad.

In addition to the above lumbering enterprises of great magnitude and far-reaching consequences in the development of the industries of the respective sections in which they are located, Mr. Kulp is largely interested in a number of business corporations in the town of his residence. He is a director in Shamokin Water Company; Shamokin Street Railway Company; Shamokin Steam Heat & Power Company; Vega Silk Company of Shamokin; and the Salt Lick Oil & Gas Company. Mr. Kulp has always been an ardent Republican and in 1894, when the protective interests of the business men demanded fair representation within the halls of Congress, Mr. Kulp, without any solicitation on his part, was nominated for representative from the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania against Hon. Charles R. Buckalew, and, notwithstanding the usual adverse majority, was elected the first Republican representative in the history of the district. At the end of his first term he was re-elected by an increased majority, a fitting reward for his earnest efforts in behalf of his constituents. At the end of his second term, owing to his increased business, he declined a renomination preferring to give his entire time to his



business interests. Socially and fraternally our subject stands deservedly high; he is a member of several branches of the Masonic fraternity, and was one of the organizers of the Cresco Club of Shamokin; is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Pottsville Club; Harrisburg Club; Sunbury Club; Ross Club of Williamsport; The Turf Club of Philadelphia; and Union League of Philadelphia. June 8, 1897, he was united in marriage with Sarah Detweiler, a sister of Col. W. C. McConnell of Shamokin, Pa.

As one of the most widely known men in the Seventeenth Congressional District, we take pleasure in presenting Mr. Kulp's portrait on a preceding page, in connection with the foregoing sketch of his life.

**R**GEORGE BENNETT, a highly respected citizen and successful business man of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., was born January 31, 1837, in Warwickshire, England. He is a son of George and Harriet (Lane) Bennett, of England. He received his early education in the schools of England but was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. At the age of thirteen or fourteen years he left the home of his father, who was a wood-sawyer by trade, and became apprenticed to a shoemaker, which trade he mastered in about three years.

Soon after reaching his majority, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage with Martha Edwards, on January 11, 1859. Their home was blessed by one daughter, Martha Elizabeth, who was born June 1, 1860. Our subject came to America in 1865. He first located at Cumbola, Pa., where he remained for about nine years, a portion of which time he was engaged in mining; but subsequently, at

the urgent request of a number of his friends, principally miners, he changed his business plans and worked at his trade. He made shoe-making his sole vocation thereafter, and soon enjoyed an excellent trade, supplying not only miners and their families with footwear, but also many others who heard of the excellence of his work and the material he used, and traveled from miles around to patronize him. At first he carried on business on a very small scale, but, as his patronage increased and the demand for his goods became greater, he improved and enlarged his place of business, and made ready to meet all demands for shoes. At the end of eight or nine years, by careful management and strict economy, he had accumulated the neat sum of three thousand dollars.

Wishing to still further enlarge and extend his business he felt the necessity of going to a larger place, where the demand for footwear would be greater; accordingly he removed to the borough of Shamokin in 1873, leased a house, and continued the same business on a larger scale. Again success crowned his efforts, and in 1878 he purchased the grounds adjoining his place of business and erected thereon a handsome and commodious brick building three stories high, 24 by 150 feet, which has a large basement, upper floor, hall, and middle floor. This elegant structure is on North Market street, and in this building Mr. Bennett has enjoyed a successful business for the past twenty years.

Mr. Bennett carries a large and well-assorted stock, not only of shoes, but of general merchandise. In another part of the city, on Shamokin street, he also has a branch shoe store. By industry and frugality, he has built up a large and exceedingly profitable business, the fruits of which he is now enjoying.

Martha Elizabeth Bennett, daughter of our subject, was first united in marriage with Rev.





DR. WILLIAM McCLELLAN REBER.

Thomas Philip, a Methodist minister now deceased, and a native of Cornwall, England. Mrs. Philip was deeply attached to her first husband and mourned his demise for seven years when she entered a second union with Rev. William Opie, also of Cornwall, England. Again death deprived her of her companion. Rev. Opie died in July, 1897, having led an exemplary and useful life as a Methodist minister for a period of thirty-five years.

Mr. Bennett enjoys the confidence of the people of Shamokin and occupies several positions of trust. He is treasurer of the Anglo-American Building & Loan Association; also treasurer of the Guarantee Building & Loan Association of Philadelphia, for the Shamokin district. He has executed the trusts that have devolved upon him faithfully and efficiently, and is deserving of the high reputation he enjoys for uprightness and fair dealing.

He is a devout Episcopalian. Fraternally he is a member of Black Diamond Lodge, I. O. O. F.; also a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

DR. WILLIAM McCLELLAN REBER, who is closely identified with many of the business interests of Bloomsburg and is a physician by profession, is a gentleman whose trained abilities and skilled resources have brought him into public notice and have won for him the regard, esteem and respect justly due a man of his usefulness in the community. The work of a physician from its innate nature is of the kind which brings him into the closest relationship with the people. The way in which he carries his responsibilities is ever to the public a matter of the most vital importance. That Dr. Reber fully knows the ethics of his pro-

fession as well as the teachings, and every day of his life lives up to them, admits of no discussion. His high standing everywhere proves his fidelity to his patients and his success demonstrates his talents. He is a son of David and Margaret (Musser) Reber, and was born in Lewisburg, Pa., March 4, 1842.

The family is of German origin and the parents of John Reber, the grandfather of our subject, came to this country prior to the Revolutionary War, locating in Berks County, Pa. John Reber was born in Berks County, but in 1803 moved to Union County, where he purchased a farm in Buffalo Valley and followed farming. Having acquired a competency, in 1831 he moved to Lewisburg Pa., where he died in June, 1852, at the age of eighty-two years. He was the progenitor of the following children: John, deceased; James, deceased; Thomas; Samuel, deceased; David, deceased; Susan (Kleckner); Elizabeth (Vorse); Leah (Heisler); Margaret, deceased; and Mary (Dunkle), deceased.

David Reber, the father of our subject, was born in Buffalo Valley, near Lewisburg, June 19, 1817, and spent his entire life in that locality. He was reared on a farm and received his education in the public schools, but he was not fifteen years old when his parents moved to the village of Lewisburg. There, after clerking a few years, he engaged in the general merchandise business on his own account and continued it until 1854, when he entered the Lewisburg Savings Bank, which was subsequently merged into a state bank and finally into the Lewisburg National Bank. With such good faith did he discharge his duties he was promoted to cashier of the bank on May 4, 1859, continuing in that capacity until his death on September 11, 1894. He was also engaged in the manufacture of bricks for a period of forty years and attained the



highest success. He was a Republican in politics and took an active interest in all matters of local prominence, filling some of the town offices. Religiously he was a member and a regular attendant of the Presbyterian Church. He was joined in wedlock with Margaret Musser, who died June 14, 1897, at the age of eighty years, and their union resulted in the birth of two children: William McClellan, the subject of this biographical record, and John Musser, who has been engaged in merchandising in Boston for more than twenty years.

Dr. Reber obtained a good mental training, attending the Lewisburg Academy and Lewisburg University up to the Junior year, when he took up the study of medicine with Dr. William Hayes of Lewisburg. His second year of study was under the direction of Dr. William H. Pancoast of Philadelphia, and he applied himself with such diligence that he was enabled to graduate from the Jefferson Medical College in March, 1863. He then entered the United States Navy as assistant-surgeon, being stationed at the naval hospital at Norfolk, Va., and subsequently at the naval hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y. He next saw service on a gun-boat fleet for one and one-half years on the Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, being division surgeon of the 10th District of the Mississippi Squadron, and then on the U. S. S. Lackawanna, which went on a cruise to the Sandwich Islands, stopping at Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, passing through the Strait of Magellan, and then stopping at Valparaiso. While at Valparaiso he with other officers visited the beautiful city of Santiago, capital of Chile. He left the service in December, 1868, and in the following February located at Bloomsburg, where he has since practiced, having acquired a large general clientage. He is a member of the National,

State and County Medical associations, and has served as president, and also as secretary and treasurer of the last named organization almost continuously for nearly thirty years. Besides the attention devoted to his practice and his profession he has identified himself with many business enterprises, among them: as director of the Bloomsburg School Furnishing Company; director of the Bloomsburg Water Company; director of the North Branch Furnishing Company of Bloomsburg, of which he is president; and is financially interested in the Bloomsburg Steam Heating Company; the Bloomsburg Elevator Works; the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company; the Bloomsburg Silk Mill; and the Bloomsburg Carpet Mill. He is a trustee of the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

On September 12, 1871, Dr. Reber was united in marriage with Elizabeth McKinney, a daughter of David L. and Martha H. McKinney, and they are the parents of two children: Edith McKinney and William McKelvy. He is a Republican, but only takes that interest in politics shown by all dutiful and intelligent citizens, having never sought office. He has been secretary of the board of health of Bloomsburg since its organization. Socially he is a member of Bloomsburg Council, No. 957, Royal Arcanum, being a charter member and its medical examiner since its incorporation. He served as U. S. Examining Surgeon from 1879 to 1889, when a board of examining surgeons was appointed and he was made president of this board and served until 1893, when he and the other Republican members were removed.

The publishers of this volume take pleasure in announcing that Dr. Reber's portrait appears on a preceding page in connection with the above account of his life.

**J**OHN H. VINCENT, Esq., one of Northumberland's most estimable citizens, is a leading attorney-at-law who enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He is a son of Isaac and Rebecca (Comly) Vincent, and was born in Delaware township, Northumberland County, Pa., December 2, 1826.

Our subject is of Dutch descent and traces his lineage back to his great-grandfather, John Vincent, who came to this country as early as 1772 and became one of the pioneers of Northumberland County. One of his sons, Daniel, became the owner of about 400 acres of land near Fort Freeland, lying along Warrior Run Creek, and in the year 1790 he built the first mill in that vicinity. This was remodeled in 1818 and is now standing; he did the work for the farms for many miles distant and was a very prominent man. He was at Fort Freeland when it was attacked by the Indians and he and his wife were taken prisoners, but, as she was in a delicate condition, she was sent back to her friends on horse-back. Mr. Vincent was taken up into Canada where he was held in bondage for four years, during which time he acted as butcher for his captors. During his fights with the Indians he sustained an injury in the side which gradually grew worse and finally resulted in his death. He and many members of his family now lie buried in the Warrior Run Cemetery. His wife's maiden name was Angeline Huff and their children were as follows: Phoebe; Isaac, the father of the gentleman whose name heads these lines; John; and Elizabeth. The old family property was divided equally between the two sons, John and Isaac.

Isaac Vincent was born on the old homestead in Northumberland County and early in life took to agricultural pursuits. He fell heir to one-half of his father's estate, and

lived on it throughout his entire life. He was united in marriage with Rebecca Comly, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and the following children were born to bless their home: Ezra C.; a child who died in infancy; Nancy; Daniel; Charles; Caroline; Isaac; John H., the subject of this biographical record; Rebecca; Hannah M.; Elizabeth; and Henry Clay.

John H. Vincent attended the public schools and the McEwensville Academy after which he taught school for some time; saving his earnings he was enabled to enter Lafayette College at Easton, Pa., and there remained until he had passed the junior year, when he enrolled at Williams College, Mass. He graduated from the latter institution in 1849 and then went to Charlestown, S. C., where he engaged as a school teacher. He later removed to Alabama where he also taught school until he returned home and began his preparation for the legal profession, entering the law office of Gov. James Pollock. One year later he took up his study in the McCarty Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1854, immediately thereafter beginning practice at Easton. He displayed much ability as a practitioner and remained in Easton until 1857 and then located at Milford, Pike County, where he resided when the Civil War broke out. In 1862 our subject enlisted as a private in Company B, 151st Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., but was made 2d lieutenant before the company saw service. He was later promoted to 1st lieutenant and served as such in the battle of Chancellorsville, and in many skirmishes, receiving his discharge in 1863. Returning then to Milford, Pike County, he took up his practice of law and remained there until 1867, since which time he has been located in Northumberland. He has a large practice, being patronized by an influential class of

citizens and he is regarded as one of the foremost business men of the borough. In 1877 he built a large and handsome brick residence and office on Queen street, where he has since been located.

Mr. Vincent has twice been joined in hymeneal bonds, first with Mary C. Davis, a daughter of John Davis of Easton, and they had two children: Julia, who died at an early age; and May, the wife of J. W. Elliott of Renova, Pa. Mrs. Vincent died young and our subject formed a second matrimonial alliance with Caroline M. Montgomery, who comes of a very prominent family of this section. She is a daughter of William Montgomery and traces her ancestry back to Robert Montgomery, who, at the age of thirty-two years emigrated to this country from County Armagh, Ireland, settling in Dauphin County, Pa. He located on the site of the present city of Harrisburg and served as one of the first grand jurors of Dauphin County. He died in 1776 at the age of seventy-one years. He and his wife Sarah became the parents of five children, namely: William; Thomas; Hugh; David; and John. John Montgomery was born in Ireland, and was four years of age when brought to this country by his parents. He grew to manhood in Dauphin County, Pa., and became a farmer by occupation. In 1773 he exchanged an improved farm in that county for a wild tract of land in Turbot township, Northumberland County, the other party to the exchange being William Patterson. It proved to be a good transaction on John's part, and he realized a good advantage and started his career there under better conditions than did most of the pioneers. After getting his affairs straightened out and in a prosperous condition, his home was attacked by a band of Indians and he was obliged to flee with his family to Fort

Freeland for safety. It was while at that fort that, on July 28, 1779, they were attacked by a party of over 300 Indians and British soldiers; then John sought refuge at his old home in Dauphin County, settling near Harrisburg. When peace had finally been declared, in 1783, he returned to his home in Northumberland County, rebuilt the buildings which had been destroyed, and erected a limestone house which still remains standing. He continued in his work about the farm until November 8, 1792, when he was killed by a falling tree while building the Derry road. He was fifty-eight years old. His wife died on March 2, 1821, aged eighty years; both lie buried in the Chillisquaque burying-ground. Religiously they were both members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Montgomery's maiden name was Christianna Foster. To them were born the following children: Robert; John; William; David; Jane; and Sarah. William Montgomery, the grandfather of Mrs. Vincent, was born at what is now Paradise, Turbot township, Northumberland County, and succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead on which he followed farming all of his life. He died August 22, 1853, at the age of seventy-six years and his wife died in 1806, at the age of twenty-six years. He married Rachael Simpson, by whom he had three children: Nancy, the wife of Robert Van Valzah, M. D.; John T., who married Hannah Hower; and William, the father of the wife of our subject. William was born on the old homestead on March 7, 1805, and early in life settled at Limestone Ridge, but later bought a fine property at McEwensville, where he engaged in farming. He was very successful and at his demise owned a fine estate. He died in February, 1875, as a result of small-pox. He was united in marriage with Molly Caldwell, a daughter of John







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Caldwell, and their children were: William C., who married Hadassa G. Dearmond; Mary Jane, who resides with our subject and who married John M. Thatcher, a hot-water furnace manufacturer of New York, now dead; Caroline M.; and Sarah E., the wife of Valentine S. Truckermiller of Truckermiller's Mills.

Our subject and his wife had four children, two of whom are now living: John, a law student living at home; and Caroline, who is also at home. Those deceased were: William M., and Ella. Mr. Vincent is a Democrat in politics. He has held the office of justice of the peace since 1889, with the exception of one year; he also has been a school director and has filled minor offices for several years.

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**FR**ON. P. C. NEWBAKER, one of the oldest and most prominent physicians and surgeons of Montour County, Pa., whose portrait we take pleasure in presenting on the foregoing page, is a resident of Danville, and is held in high esteem by the citizens of that place. He was born near the village of Halifax, Dauphin County, Pa., August 13, 1843, and is a son of Dr. John B. and Caroline Elizabeth (Maize) Newbaker, and a grandson of Philip Newbaker. The great-great-grandfather of our subject was Martin Newbaker who emigrated from Germany to America prior to the Revolutionary War. The family name was originally spelled Neubecker. His son Philip, our subject's great-grandfather, was a lieutenant in a Colonial regiment and after Independence was won settled at the mouth of Powell's Creek, Dauphin County, Pa., on the banks of the Susquehanna River and there carried on agricultural pursuits the remainder of his active

days. His son, Philip second, our subject's grandfather, then became the owner of the property and lived there until the time of his death in 1865. Inglenook Station on the Northern Central R. R. is located upon the farm, and Inglenook Club House, where the business men of Harrisburg spend many of their leisure hours fishing and otherwise enjoying themselves, is built upon the river bank near the old homestead. Our subject's father, Dr. John B. Newbaker, was born and reared upon his father's farm and received a good education in the district schools after which he studied medicine and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in the class of 1852, subsequently removed to Northumberland County, Pa., and at present resides at Trevorton, in the same county, where he still successfully practices his profession. He was asst.-surgeon in the 56th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., in the Civil War and represented the Northumberland-Montour District in the H. R. Pa., in 1872.

Our subject acquired a good academic education in the West Branch High School at Jersey Shore, Pa., and at Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, Pa.; after teaching several months he entered the office of his father and commenced the study of medicine. On April 23, 1861, at the beginning of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company F, 11th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., first three months' call, was in one of the first engagements of the war at Hokes Run, W. Va., and was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., July 31, 1865, by reason of expiration of term of service. On August 12, 1862, he re-enlisted in Company K, 15th Reg., Pa. Vol. Cav., at Philadelphia for a term of three years and his regiment was assigned to duty under General Rosecrans, where he saw hard service and was in a number of engagements in the Army of the Cumberland. On account

of continued sickness and debility, induced by exposure in active service in the campaign in Kentucky and Tennessee, during the winter and spring of 1863, he was transferred to Company D, 2d Reg., Veteran Reserve Corps, in which he continued to serve as clerk of his company until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge July 5, 1865. Returning home he again took up the study of medicine under his father's direction, and later entered Jefferson Medical College from which he graduated March 12, 1869. Shortly afterward he located in Washingtonville, Montour County (Feb. 6, 1870), where he soon built up a large and lucrative practice. He continued his practice in that village sixteen years, when he removed to Danville, in 1886, where he has since followed the practice of his profession, being already well and favorably known throughout the county. He has been remarkably successful in his profession.

Hon. P. C. Newbaker is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and in 1878 was nominated and elected to represent Montour County in the State Legislature; in 1880 he was again honored with a seat in that body, which shows his popularity throughout the county. At the general election, held November 8, 1898, Dr. Newbaker was elected treasurer of Montour County for a term of three years, commencing January 1, 1899. He is president of the Danville School Board, having held that office since June, 1897; is a member of the State and County Medical Societies; a member of Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R.; Union Veteran Legion; Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; and has been secretary of the Board of United States Examining Surgeons at Danville, Pa., since 1886. He purchased a residence at No. 105 West Mahoning street

in 1886, to which he has made many improvements and has added an office. He was united in the bonds of matrimony with Amelia A. Koons, a daughter of Benjamin Koons of Weissport, Pa., and their union has been blessed by five children: Winifred M., a graduate of the Pittsburg Musical Conservatory, who afterward completed her musical education at New York, and at Berlin, Germany, and is one of the most talented musicians in Central Pennsylvania; Charles A., a graduate of Lehigh University, is an electrical engineer; Bertha, a graduate of the Danville High School; Edward J., who attended West Point and Lehigh University, is now a mining engineer; and Francis W., at present a student in the Danville High School.

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HON. WILLIAM ELWELL, deceased. The annals of the bench and bar of Pennsylvania record no worthier, nobler life than that of the gentleman named above. For twenty-six consecutive years he was president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, being the representative of no political party, but of the people, and during that time he meted out justice with strict and impartial hand, showing mercy to the oppressed and handling the oppressor with severity. None could cope with him intellectually and his record as judge will bear the closest scrutiny, as in every case but one, in which his decision was appealed to a higher court, the supreme judges respected his learned reasoning and accordingly sustained his rulings. His home was at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., for many years prior to his death, but he enjoyed a state-wide reputation.

Judge Elwell was a son of Daniel and Nancy



(Prentice) Elwell, and was born at Athens, Bradford County, Pa., October 9, 1808. He was a descendant of a prominent old family of Staffordshire, England. The first of the family to come to America was Robert Elwell, who, it is thought, came over in 1633 in the ship "Griffin" with Gov. Haynes and Rev. Thomas Hooker. Robert located at Sa'em, Mass., prior to 1635, but later purchased land and settled at Eastern Point, Mass., where he resided at his death in 1683, owning considerable property in that section.

Jabez Elwell, great-grandfather of our subject, was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, serving in the Dutchess County Militia under Col. Henry Ludenton. His son, John Elwell, grandfather of our subject, was also an active participant in the struggle of our forefathers for freedom; he was among the brave men who, in answer to the "Lexington Alarm," marched from Connecticut towns to the relief of the city of Boston in April, 1775.

Daniel Elwell, our subject's father, married Nancy Prentice, a daughter of Dr. Amos Prentice, who traced her lineage back through nine generations to Capt. Thomas Prentice, the time being about 1620. He lived at Newton Center, Mass., and was formerly a soldier in the Army of Cromwell. His death resulted at the age of ninety-one years as a result of injuries sustained by a fall from his horse while going to church. Dr. Amos Prentice was a soldier of the Revolution and when the city of New London, Conn., was destroyed by fire he was forced to flee for his life. He removed to Milltown, Pa., and there resided until his demise, being buried in the cemetery at Sayre, Pa. Daniel Elwell and his wife were the parents of six children, William, the subject of this sketch, being the second born.

William Elwell's early career was spent in the town of his nativity, where he received a

good English education in the Athens Academy, attending that institution until he was nineteen years of age, when we find him acting in the capacity of assistant to Chief-Engineer Randall in running exploring lines on both sides of the Susquehanna River, the object of their efforts being to locate a canal southward from the New York State line. Upon leaving the engineering corps he engaged as a school teacher for a period of three years and then entered upon the study of law in the office of Horace Williston. Possessing all of the qualifications essential to a successful practitioner of the legal profession, he made rapid advancement and was admitted to the bar in February, 1833. During the succeeding sixteen years he was engaged in practice with his legal preceptor in the northern counties of the state until Mr. Williston was appointed president judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District. He was a Democrat in politics and in 1842 and 1843 was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature. During his first term at Harrisburg he was honored with the chairmanship of the judiciary committee, which was composed of such men of distinction as Judges Sharswood, Gamble, Barrett, Hendrick B. Wright, and Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, and his reputation is made brilliant by comparison with these men of recognized ability. As chairman of this committee, he prepared and reported the bill providing for the abolishment of imprisonment for debt, which custom is now universally recognized as one of the cruelest ever supported by the law. This bill stands to-day as originally reported by him. During the term of 1843 he served faithfully as chairman of the committee of ways and means. In 1844 he declined the proffered nomination for member of Congress, as the practice of law possessed greater attractions for him than the



field of politics. Nevertheless, in 1866, he yielded to the demands of his party with great reluctance, and consented to be a candidate for a seat in Congress, and in the election he polled a vote far in excess of the remainder of his party ticket, but failed to overcome the Republican majority.

As a lawyer Judge Elwell was without a peer, and that his practice grew to vast proportions is evidenced by the Supreme Court reports, in which are recorded more than one hundred cases which he argued. In 1862 his career on the bench began, when he was elected to the president judgeship of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District, comprising the counties of Columbia, Sullivan and Wyoming. He served his term with credit to himself, his rulings being characterized throughout by the greatest fairness, and in 1872 he was re-elected to fill the same office, the opposing party refusing to place a candidate in the field. In May, 1874, Wyoming and Sullivan counties were created the Forty-fourth Judicial District, and Columbia and Montour counties were designated as the Twenty-sixth Judicial District. Upon his first election Judge Elwell removed to Bloomsburg, which continued to be his home until his demise. In April, 1871, he was chosen as umpire to decide the disputes of the miners and operators of the anthracite coal region, and so impartially did he discharge his duties as such that both parties were satisfied that his decision was a just one. Frequently he was urged to become a candidate for the Supreme bench, and although he refused to allow a canvass to be made, his name was placed before the convention and he received many votes. Likewise, he was often spoken of as a candidate for governor of the Commonwealth, but, deeming it inconsonant with judicial propriety to make a personal canvass, he refused to allow any elec-

tioning to be done in his favor. His second term having expired, the bar of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District met and, sweeping aside all party feelings, unanimously requested him to accept a third term as judge, and Judge Elwell having consented, the political organizations followed the lead of the bar and named him as their choice for the office. To take advantage of trying a case before him, cases were transferred to Columbia County from other districts and it is estimated that up to the time of his resignation he held more special courts than any judge who ever sat upon the bench in that district. He reasoned a case out to its fullest extent and when a party to a suit left his court it was always with the satisfaction of knowing just why the case had been decided against him or in his favor. In placing an interpretation on the statutes and deciding their general purview, he was unexcelled, and his decisions never failed to meet with approval at the hands of the Supreme Court. Many celebrated cases were brought before him for hearing, each involving the right of parties to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Among these were the Williamsport bond case; Fisher vs. the City of Philadelphia; Tryon and Dull vs. Munson; and the celebrated Cameron will case from Union County, in which an elaborate argument was prepared by eminent counsel for the appellant, but the Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the lower court, as it did in all of these cases. He also tried the "Mollie Maguire" case, which grew out of the murder of Alexander Rea, and in it decided many important and doubtful questions on the law of homicide, the report of the case constituting a large volume of itself; again he was upheld by the higher court. Numerous cases of equity were brought to a hearing before him and in the exercise of his discretion as to justice and

moral rights he proved as competent as in the interpretation of legal rights, for but one decision was reversed. The wonderful record of not a reversal in the cases of his district brought before him in the courts of Oyer and Terminer, Quarter Sessions, and Orphan's Court makes his opinions, which appeared in state reports, weekly notes of cases, and other legal publications, valuable additions to the legal authorities of the state.

Judge Elwell, after spending twenty-six years on the bench, began to decline in health as a result of his long and active business life, and in 1888 he lost his hearing. He spent the following winter in Florida but without the relief hoped for, and in July, 1889, six months after his illness began, he tendered his resignation to the governor of the state, this being the only known instance in the state of a judge resigning before the expiration of his term owing to illness, but his extreme honesty and independence would not permit him to draw a salary from the state for duties which he had ceased to perform. He then lived in retirement in Bloomsburg without showing any signs of improvement, finally passing away October 15, 1895, leaving to his children the legacy of a noble life well spent. Few men ever possessed the confidence and esteem of the public to a higher degree, and when intelligence of his death reached publicity there was universal expression of regret, and upon the day of his funeral all places of business were closed as a token of the regard in which the people held him. The funeral services, prior to removing his body to Towanda, Bradford County, Pa., for interment in the family burial-lot, were conducted in St. Paul's Church, and the citizens who turned out to pay a final tribute to a beloved friend filled the church to the doors. The boards of trustees of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute

and State Normal School, the town council, and the vestry of St. Paul's Church, all passed resolutions of respect to his memory.

Judge Elwell always was regarded as one of the foremost citizens of Bloomsburg and Columbia County. In 1881 he was appointed on the bi-centennial committee by Gov. Hoyt, but his official duties prevented him from taking a very active part in that celebration. In 1868 he was elected trustee of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School, serving as president of that body from 1873 until 1891, and in its darkest days he did much toward guiding it through; it is to-day a flourishing institution and its sound financial standing is largely due to his untiring efforts in its behalf. Religiously he was a devout member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Judge Elwell was twice united in the holy bonds of matrimony, his first union being with Clemana Shaw of Towanda, Pa., by whom he had three children, as follows: William Elwell, Jr., deceased, who went to Plymouth, Wis., in early manhood and engaged in merchandising for a number of years, but subsequently removed to Sheboygan, Wis., where he was clerk of the county courts for several years and finally became superintendent of construction of a railroad from Milwaukee to Sheboygan, and also served as superintendent of the road after its completion; Clemana, the relict of the late P. H. Smith, who was engaged in merchandising and served one term as a state senator of Wisconsin,—she now resides with her family in Plymouth, Wis.; and one child who died in infancy. Mrs. Elwell died and he was again married, September 19, 1844, to Mary Louise Thayer, a daughter of Col. Ebenezer and Martha (Ager) Thayer.

Col. Ebenezer Thayer was born in Wilmamstown, Mass., August 28, 1788, and de-

scended from Ebenezer Thayer, who emigrated from England in the sixteenth century and settled near Boston, Mass., where his son Ebenezer was born. The latter was the progenitor of a family of five children, as follows: Baruch, grandfather of Mrs. Elwell; Daniel, who moved to Shelburne, Vt., and married a daughter of Capt. Clark, who attained distinction in the Revolutionary War; Eli, who also settled in Shelburne, Vt., and married a niece of Gen. Montgomery, who was killed at Quebec during the Revolutionary War; Reuben; and Rachel, who died in early womanhood.

Baruch Thayer was born in Mendon, Mass., September 19, 1764, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, being stationed at West Point where he witnessed the execution of the British spy, Maj. Andre. In 1783 he married Mary Bingham who was of Scotch descent and lived at Windham, Conn., and then moved to Williamstown, Mass. In 1804 he removed to Shelburne, Vt., and seven years later to Batavia, N. Y., where he died in January, 1826. Mrs. Mary Bingham Thayer died at Batavia, N. Y., June 14, 1860, at the remarkable age of ninety-eight years. Their union was blessed by thirteen children, one of whom was Col. Ebenezer Thayer, the father of the wife of our subject.

In December, 1808, Col. Thayer moved to Ithaca, N. Y., and soon after his marriage two years later, he removed to New York City and there enlisted in the service of his country during the War of 1812. He subsequently moved to Watkins, N. Y., where he was engaged in dealing in shoes, and during the administration of Buchanan, 1856 to 1860, he served as postmaster of that village. In 1870 he retired from business and moved to Troy, Pa., but a few years later moved with his family to Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa.,

where he and his wife lived the remainder of their lives. She died at the age of seventy-six years, and he passed away on the 20th of August, 1880, aged ninety-four years. While a resident of Ithaca, N. Y., on September 12, 1810, he was joined in hymeneal bonds with Martha Ager, who was of Scotch descent on the paternal side of the family and French on the maternal, and they reared six children, one of whom is the relict of our subject, Mary Louise. She was born in Ithaca, N. Y., January 14, 1824, and now resides in Bloomsburg, Pa.

Judge and Mrs. Elwell became the parents of six children, a record of whom follows: E. W. Elwell, freight agent and in charge of the State line and Sullivan Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, born in Towanda, Bradford County, and still resides there, having been in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad for more than thirty years. He married Harriet M., a daughter of William Neal of Bloomsburg, and they had two children: Catharine, who died at the age of eighteen years, and William, who died at the age of sixteen years. George E. Elwell, the second son of Judge Elwell by his second marriage, resides in Bloomsburg, a record of whose life follows. Marie Louise, who was born in Towanda, Pa., in 1853, is the wife of N. U. Funk, Esq., of Bloomsburg, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies. Martha died in April, 1864, aged five years. Robert died in December, 1863, aged three years. Charles Prentice, whose profession is that of a musician, was born in January, 1868, was educated in the Bloomsburg State Normal School and in the Diocesan School at Reading, Pa. From the latter institution, he entered the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, and spent four years there. He has proved a talented



and accomplished musician, and has established a good reputation as an instructor of instrumental music.

GEORGE EDWARD ELWELL, who since 1893 has been sole owner and proprietor of *The Columbian*, the oldest paper published in Columbia County, is a gentleman of high intellectual attainments and through the medium of his paper has materially assisted in promoting all of the worthy enterprises and undertakings which have made the town of Bloomsburg what it is at the present time. He is a son of Judge William Elwell, the subject of the foregoing sketch, and was born in Towanda, Pa., October 16, 1848. His early mental training was obtained in the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute of Towanda, at George R. Barker's preparatory school at Philadelphia, and in the Bloomsburg Literary Institute. He then took a complete course of study in Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and was graduated in 1870, after which he was appointed assistant principal of the Fifth Street School in Bloomsburg, Pa., in which capacity he served until January, 1871. Being elected a member of the faculty of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School, he became professor of English literature, French and German, and was instructor in these subjects until July, 1873. He then pursued the study of law with his father and in the office of C. B. Brockway, Esq., and was admitted to the bar September 4, 1874, upon the same day forming a partnership with Mr. Brockway under the firm name of Brockway & Elwell. They enjoyed a very successful practice. On October 1, 1875, they entered the field of journalism, purchasing *The Columbian*. This publication they edited together until October 1, 1879, when J. K. Bittenbender succeeded to Mr. Brockway's interest,

and on February 23, 1893, our subject became the sole owner and has since conducted the journal alone. "*The Columbian*," a large three-story brick building on Main street, is the largest and oldest printing establishment in its section of the state. Democratic in politics, the newspaper's influence makes it a controlling factor in the affairs of the party throughout the district. At present Mr. Elwell is not engaged in the practice of law but devotes his entire time to editing the paper and looking after his private business.

On October 26, 1876, Mr. Elwell was united in marriage to Mary A. McKelvy, a daughter of I. W. McKelvy of Bloomsburg, and they have one son, George Edward, Jr., who was born April 19, 1886. Mr. Elwell is a member of the board of trustees of the Bloomsburg State Normal School; is a director of the Industrial Building & Loan Association; formerly was a director of the Bloomsburg Gas Company, and the Bloomsburg Water Company; and was vice-president of the Board of Trade. Politically he is a Democrat, served several years as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, and served four years as a member of the town council of the borough. In religious attachments he is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and has always been active in the church work. He has been a vestryman for more than twenty years and a deputy to the diocesan convention a greater part of that period. He also has had charge of the music of the church as organist and choirmaster for thirty years. In 1874 with the assistance of the rector, Rev. John Hewitt, he succeeded in raising \$1,200, with which a pipe organ was purchased. In 1897 he assisted in raising subscriptions amounting to \$3,000, with the assistance of several church guilds, for the purchase of a new organ, which was placed



in the church in time for the Easter services of 1898.

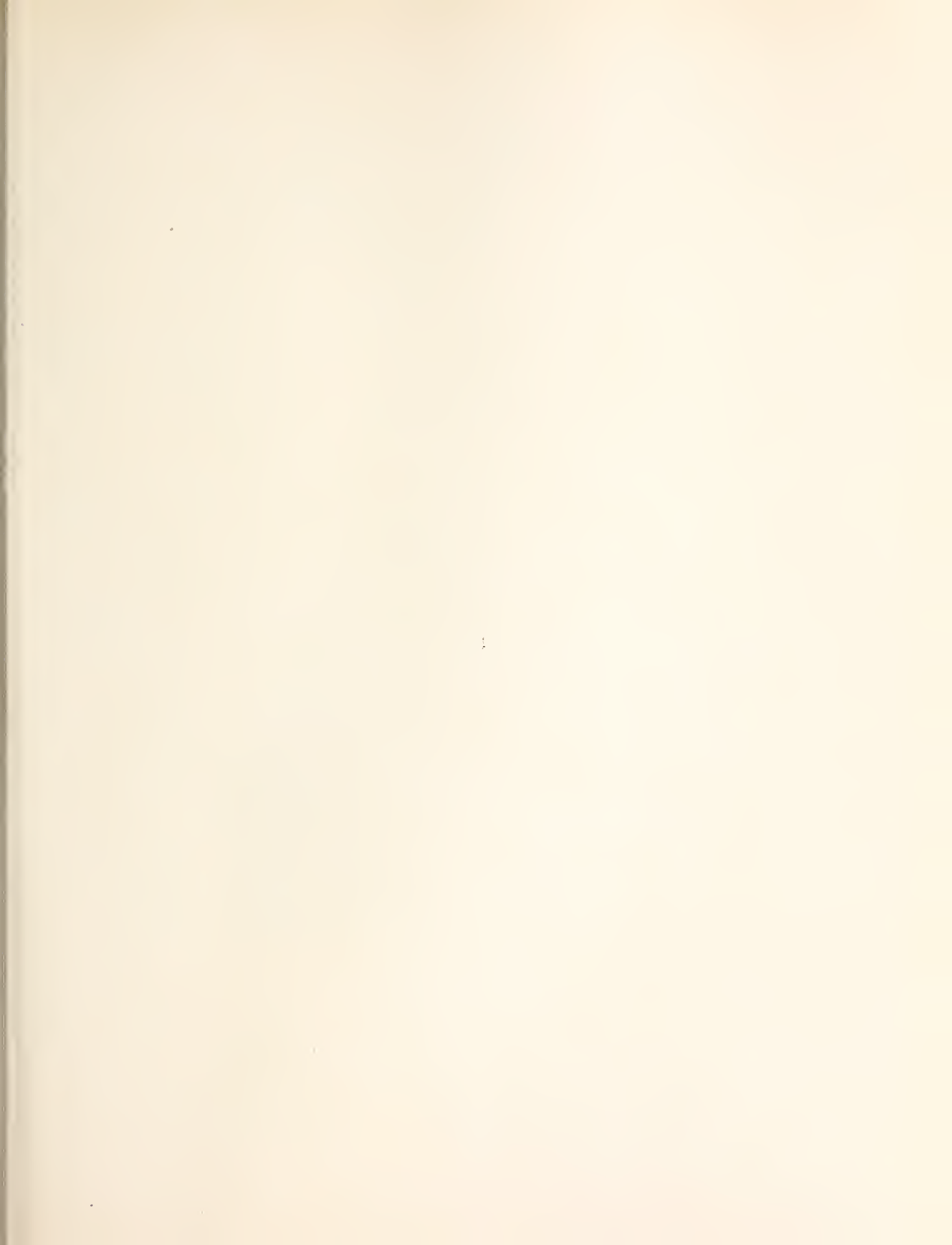
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**W**ILLIAM KRICKBAUM, editor and proprietor of The Democratic Sentinel and The Bloomsburg Daily, Bloomsburg, Pa., is a native of Catawissa township, Columbia County, Pa., and was born September 18, 1835.

The Krickbaums are of German extraction, and the first of the family to settle in the United States located in Montgomery County, Pa. The first to settle in Catawissa township was Philip Krickbaum who located there in the spring of 1794. His wife's maiden name was Susannah Trexler of Hickorytown, near Philadelphia. He died in 1822, aged sixty-three years; his wife also died in Catawissa township, and both are buried in the Catawissa Cemetery.

Henry Krickbaum, father of our subject, was a farmer owning some two hundred acres of land in Catawissa township, and he died when our subject was but a year old, and his widow, Susan (Breisch) Krickbaum, married for her second husband Benjamin Miller. William remained on the farm with his mother and stepfather until he reached his majority, and in the meantime attended the common schools of the vicinity several years; also for two terms at Millville, Pa., Seminary; and subsequently spent two terms at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and one more term at Millville. Previous to his last school term at Millville, in March, 1857, he married Judith Miller, daughter of George Miller of Maine township, Columbia County. During his student days he had taught school and he followed that vocation, all told, about twelve terms. From his majority he had always taken an active part in politics, and worked in the

interest of the Democratic party, to which he is now and always has been an adherent, and in 1866, while still teaching, he was appointed clerk to the commissioners of Columbia County, a position he filled with rare ability for twelve consecutive years; during a greater part of that time he acted as deputy treasurer and as sheriff's clerk. In 1878 he resigned the clerkship to accept the office of prothonotary and clerk of the courts, to which he had been elected the same year. In this office he served two terms and in 1889 was a candidate for a third term, but, although having a majority of 175 of the popular vote, under the limited system of voting in choosing delegates (which system has since been done away with), was defeated.

April 12, 1885, Mr. Krickbaum purchased the office and plant of The Democratic Sentinel in Bloomsburg. The paper was then 24 by 36 inches, of seven columns per page, had a circulation of 600 and was printed on an old Washington hand press. Since then he has enlarged the paper to a nine-column, 28 by 44 inches, and has a circulation of 2,500, the edition being printed on a two-revolution, four-roller, job and book press. In November, 1888, our subject was elected a member of the State Legislature, and was re-elected in November, 1890, serving two full terms with credit to himself and constituents. In February, 1892, he started The Bloomsburg Daily, an independent journal which, together with the Sentinel, he is still publishing, and it is the only daily paper printed in Columbia County. In 1896 our subject was prevailed upon to again enter politics, and in November of that year was elected one of the board of county commissioners, which office he holds at present, the term being for three years. In addition to the above responsible positions he has also held township offices, served as a





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delegate in state and national conventions, and in fact for upward of thirty-six years Mr. Krickbaum has been officially and otherwise prominently and influentially identified with the Democratic politics of Columbia County.

Probably no man ever held a public position in the county who worked with truer regard for the interest of the tax-payers and their public welfare than did Mr. Krickbaum through his exceptional long service to the county as an official and a newspaper man. It is proverbial that in his taking charge of the prothonotary office, and indeed, from the first years of his service as county commissioner's clerk, many fees in the sheriff's and prothonotary's office and bills in the commissioner's office, which he thought exorbitant and an injustice to the tax-payers, were reduced through him to a lower and more considerate figure and remained so during his official occupancy.

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JAMES M. SHEW, proprietor of the Bloomsburg Paper Company, manufacturing waterproof paper for cart-ridges and blasting, also for mining, packing, etc., and one of the highly esteemed residents of the town, was born in Baltimore County, Md., September 9, 1831, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Shew) Shew.

Joseph Shew, the father of our subject, was born in London, England, and during his boyhood days came to the United States and located in Baltimore County, Md. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, was a farmer by vocation, and also followed surveying. He acted as constable for several years, and when the War of 1812 broke out offered his services in defense of his country and was probably an emergency man in the

protection of Baltimore. He was wedded to Mary Shew, of Scottish origin but a native of Virginia, and a family of four children was born to this union, namely: Our subject; Henry, who died while en route for Denver, Col., on business in behalf of the Order of Railway Conductors, he having been a conductor on the Baltimore Central R. R. a number of years; Jacob, a machinist and engineer at Port Deposit, Md.; and Mary, wife of Charles Heiser of Baltimore, Md.

James M. Shew, the subject of this biographical sketch, was but seven years of age when he began to serve an apprenticeship in the paper mills of Baltimore County, which were owned by William H. Hoffman who is now deceased. He remained in the mills for forty-four years, during which time he was promoted several times; in 1858 he was promoted to manager of the entire plant of four mills, Gunpowder, Marble Vale, Clipper, and Rockdale, all of which are located in Baltimore County, Md. Upon the death of William H. Hoffman, the proprietor of the mills, his sons fell heirs to the entire plant, and, wishing to reduce the expenses of the mills they lowered the salaries of the employees, and our subject was one who refused to accept a reduction in his pay and accordingly quit. He came to Scott township, Columbia County, Pa., and purchased a half interest in the Trench Paper Mills located in Fishing Creek township, and the firm name became Trench & Shew; later Mr. Trench sold his interest to J. H. Maize and the firm name was changed to Maize & Shew. After being connected with this paper company nearly two years, his former employers, the Hoffmans, wishing him to return to them, offered an increase over his former salary, and bought J. H. Maize's interest in the paper mills of Fishing Creek township, thus reliev-



ing our subject of the obligation of partnership, and Mr. Shew returned to Baltimore. After managing the Baltimore mills three and one-half years, he returned to Bloomsburg, and in 1892 became sole owner of the paper mills of that town. The mills are operated by the magnificent water power of the Fishing Creek. The mills have a capacity of two thousand pounds of paper per day and give steady employment to nine men. A few years ago our subject bought the Hulshiser shops near his home and does all kinds of blacksmithing and repairing.

In politics Mr. Shew is a strong Republican, and his party gave him the nomination for associate judge and, although not elected, he received more votes than any other Republican that ran on the same ticket.

On February 6, 1852, Mr. Shew was united in marriage to Anna Mary Fisher, a daughter of Lewis Fisher of York County, Pa., and to this union eleven children were born, namely: Sarah, deceased; Margaret J.; Lydia, wife of Robert J. Ruhl; Rebecca, who wedded John B. Kidd of Baltimore, Md.; Mary, wife of D. S. Richards, also of Baltimore, Md.; James U. M., whose sketch may also be found in this work; Josephine, united in the bonds of wedlock to George B. Smith of Scott township, Columbia County; Irene, wife of William M. Ent of Light Street, Pa.; Phoebe; and John W., a paper manufacturer of Bloomsburg. Mr. Shew is a member of the following fraternal orders: Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg; Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; Mt. Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M.; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; Orient Conclave, No. 2, Red Cross of Constantine; and Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32° N. M. J. Mr. Shew's portrait accompanies this sketch, being presented on a previous page.

**J**OHAN PARDOE, who resides in a fine home in the town of Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., is now retired, but for many years was one of the progressive farmers of Elkland township. He is a son of William and Jane (McCarty) Pardoe, and was born in Elkland township, April 6, 1839.

Our subject is of English descent, his grandfather, Joseph Pardoe, coming from England at an early day and locating in Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pa. At the time he was a single man, but he subsequently married Sarah Williams and they became neighbors of Dr. Priestly, a well-known land-agent and a native of England. Joseph Pardoe purchased a tract of 200 acres of land from Dr. Priestly at two dollars per acre in the timber section of Elkland, Sullivan County, and there he erected a little log cabin. In this rude structure they lived and, although it required much hard labor to clear the land and they met with many rough experiences, they were happy and theirs was the pleasure of seeing a veritable wilderness transformed into rich fields of growing crops by their own industry. Under their log cabin roof, their children were born and reared and Mr. Pardoe continued to reside upon that property until he retired from active work, when he disposed of it to his youngest son, Thomas, and went to reside with a daughter. The place is now owned by Watson Wright, Esq. He lived to reach the advanced age of almost ninety years and his wife also attained a ripe old age before passing away. They lie buried in the Pardoe burying ground, which he set off from his farm for that purpose. Their children were: William; Joseph; John; George; Richard; Thomas; Elizabeth; and Sarah.

William Pardoe, father of our subject, after reaching maturity purchased a tract of land

about three miles south of the old homestead which consisted of eighty acres of thickly-covered timber land. He made a clearing and erected a substantial log house in which he lived the remainder of his life, and there he followed farming. He was but forty-three years of age when, in clearing the land, he received a severe cut on his foot, from which he almost bled to death at the time and which finally proved fatal. He married Jane McCarty, a daughter of Joel McCarty, and they had five children: John, the subject of this sketch; Albert, deceased; Joseph of Elkland township; Joel, deceased; and Mary, the wife of Frank Barnes of Elkland township. Mrs. Pardoe died at the age of fifty-four years. Mr. Pardoe was originally a Whig in politics but became a Republican in after years and held a number of township offices. He was affiliated with the Friends in his religious views.

John Pardoe attended the common schools but at the age of fourteen years, because of the death of his father, he was called upon to take charge of the farm and aid his mother in caring for the younger children. The responsibility was heavy for his young shoulders, but he bore it well and proved equal to the occasion. He cleared the remainder of the land rapidly and farmed it very successfully. By the exercise of thrift and economy he saved the money whereby he was enabled to purchase the land from the heir after the death of his mother. He greatly improved the old log house, by building an addition to it, and in 1876 tore down the log barn erected by his father and in its place erected a large frame barn. He purchased an adjoining piece of property of eighty acres and after making some valuable improvements sold it to advantage. In 1889 his wife's health became poor and, thinking that a lower and warmer climate would prove beneficial to her, he moved

to Forksville, although he still owns the farm. He purchased three valuable lots there and erected a fine residence in which he has since resided, devoting his leisure hours to the cultivation of small fruits and berries. He is a man of high principles and good character, and has many friends wherever known.

In 1871 Mr. Pardoe married Celinda R. Glidwell, a daughter of William Glidwell of Elkland township, and later of Forksville, and they reared two children: Laura M., aged seventeen years; and Mary E., who is fifteen years of age. Mrs. Pardoe was called to rest in 1895 at the age of forty-seven years.

Mr. Pardoe is a Republican and has held numerous township offices such as commissioner and tax collector. Religiously he is a Friend and his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FRANK HANNAN, one of the most enterprising and influential business men of Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., has efficiently served as postmaster of the borough since July 7, 1897. He is a son of Francis and Abigail (Ely) Hannan, and was born in Bath, Steuben County, N. Y., August 29, 1838.

Francis Hannan, father of our subject, was born in 1798 and was forty-two years of age when he met with a sad accident, in 1839, being killed by a falling tree. But little is known concerning his life. His union with Abigail Ely resulted in the following issue: Lucretia; Harriet; Mary; Jane; Louisa; Helen; and Frank, the subject of this biographical record. Mrs. Hannan attained the advanced age of seventy-nine years.

Frank Hannan was reared in Bradford County, Pa., and obtained his mental training

in the Collegiate Institute at Towanda, after which he engaged as a teacher for four years, three years in the schools of Forksville. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 he enlisted in Company I, 6th Pa. Reserves, on April 22, just ten days after the declaration of war. He served gallantly for three years and was promoted from private to the rank of sergeant, which rank he held at the time of his discharge in 1864, at Harrisburg, Pa. In all he participated in seventeen important engagements, and established a good record as a true and brave soldier. At the close of the war he returned to Asylum, Bradford County, Pa., where he remained a year. He then located in Millview where he engaged in lumbering with much success for twenty years. He then engaged in the insurance business which he continued until he received his appointment as postmaster of the borough of Forksville. Since his occupancy of that office he has erected a fine postoffice on Bridge street, and the manner in which he has discharged his official duties has won for him the highest esteem and good will of the citizens throughout that section. Mr. Hannan owns considerable property, including a handsome residence on Main street and a farm of two hundred and forty acres which is partly timber land. Upon the latter he has made many improvements, built new barns, remodeled the other buildings, and erected a saw-mill, which he conducted during the period he was engaged in lumbering.

Mr. Hannan was united in marriage to Victoria Wood, daughter of George Wood of Bradford County, Pa., and they are the proud parents of two children, namely: Richard G., a conductor on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, who married Anna Mahaffey and has one child, Murrell; and Dora, who is a dress-maker by occupation. Politically Mr. Han-

nan is an ardent Republican. He served as auditor for fourteen years. Socially he is past grand master of the Odd Fellows Lodge; and past commander of the G. A. R. Post of Forksville.

ALVIN P. MILLER, the efficient foreman of the Trust Company Tannery at Muncy Valley, Pa., formerly known as the Stephens tannery, has been engaged in that line of business nearly all his life and is held in high esteem by both his superior officers and his fellow-workmen. He was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., June 8, 1859, and is a son of Hiram and Malinda (Bailey) Miller, both of whom are living in retirement in Schoharie County. To the parents the following children were born: Charles A., who married Miss Bernice Bennett, a sister of our subject's wife,—they reside in Muncy Valley and have two children, Ruth and Buela; our subject; George, who married and resides in Hudson, N. Y.; Carrie, who married John Striker and resides in Gilboa, Schoharie County, N. Y.; William, recently married and resides in Schoharie County, N. Y.; and Jennie, who resides with her parents.

Alvin P. Miller was educated in the district schools of his native township and then began to serve an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade in the Stephens tannery; he soon became proficient and was one of the most skilled mechanics in the shop. When the Stephens tannery was moved to Muncy Valley, Sullivan County, Pa., our subject was offered a good position if he would accompany it to the new field of operation and he accepted. He gradually worked his way up until 1897, when he was given his present position as inside foreman in this mammoth







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tannery. He has charge of sixty skilled mechanics who work in the leather department, dressing hides, which are known as buffalo hides of South America. These are of the best quality and much depends upon Mr. Miller in their tanning. Our subject some time ago purchased a small tract of land which he is fast developing into a good farm on which he has erected a fine home and has built a large barn. Mr. Miller is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen and is respected by all who know him.

Mr. Miller was joined in matrimonial bonds with Libbie Bennett, a daughter of George W. Bennett of Shrewsbury township, Lycoming County, Pa., and this happy union has been blessed by three children, as follows: Arthur O.; George B.; and Edna M. In politics our subject is a firm supporter of the Republican party; religiously he and his family are prominent members of the Methodist Church.

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**FR**ON. ROBERT R. LITTLE, president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District, to which position he was elected on November 8, 1898, stands among the foremost practitioners in the legal profession at Bloomsburg. He is a son of Ephraim H. and Eliza (Seibert) Little, and was born in Berwick, Columbia County, Pa., May 30, 1852.

Our subject's great-grandfather, George Little, who was a native and life-long resident of Connecticut, from which state he entered the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, served throughout that memorable conflict. His son, George Little, the grandfather of our subject, when a young man left his native state and located in Delaware County, N. Y., subsequently removed to Wayne

County, Pa., and finally settled at Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pa., where he died in 1851, aged seventy years. He was a tanner and furrier by trade, but during the latter years of his life was a merchant. He married Mary Esterbrook, by whom he had six children, as follows: George A.; Ralph B.; William E.; Ephraim H.; and Mrs. Mary L. Grover, who resides at Jacksonville, Fla.

Ephraim H. Little, the father of our subject, was born in Delaware County, N. Y., March 23, 1823, and soon after his birth his family moved to Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pa., where he grew to manhood. He read law with his brother, Ralph B. Little, who was an eminent lawyer and the preceptor of Justice J. B. McCollum, a distinguished jurist. At the age of twenty years he took what money he possessed and started West with the intention of going to Chicago by the way of the Great Lakes. By good fortune he managed to catch the last boat to make the trip that season, and the journey was a long and tedious one as the boat was greatly delayed by the roughness of the water which caused a number of accidents. Upon arriving in Chicago, which was then a mere hamlet, he found himself with but twenty-five cents in his pocket, and forty miles from his destination, Joliet, Ill. The latter part of his journey had to be made by stage and realizing that he did not have enough money to pay his fare, he offered the quarter to the stageman in consideration that he haul the trunk to the desired place. This the stagedriver refused to do, saying: "No, I will carry you and your baggage and you can pay me at another time." Landing in Joliet, Mr. Little again took up the study of law and in 1845 was admitted to the bar. Soon after he purchased the Joliet Sentinel on credit and conducted it for six or eight months. He then sold out

and removed to Morris, Grundy County, Ill., which a short time previous had been made the county seat, and he was the first lawyer to locate there. He continued his law practice with much success a few years, when he met with an accident which caused him the loss of an arm. The knowledge of surgery at the time was very limited and he was confined to his bed for six or eight months, finally being compelled to submit to amputation of the injured arm. This reduced his physical strength greatly and he determined to get out of that malarial section of the country, acting on his physician's advice. He returned East, locating at Beach Haven, Luzerne County, Pa., where he acted as weigh-master at Weigh Lock on the Pennsylvania Canal. The canal was under the control of the state and it had been customary for boats to be run on Sunday, but Mr. Little, true to the Christian influences under which he had been reared, refused outright to perform his labors on the Sabbath. The boatmen were wroth and petitioned for his removal, but the governor of the state refused to remove him and the canal was thereafter closed on Sundays. While there Mr. Little made the acquaintance of Eliza Seibert, whom he married December 10, 1850, and soon after they moved to Berwick, Columbia County, Pa., where he lived until April, 1860, when he removed to Bloomsburg. He there engaged in the practice of his profession and continued with the best of success until 1893 when he retired and moved upon his farm, just outside the corporate limits of Bloomsburg. As a lawyer he was unexcelled and his opinion was frequently sought by other prominent attorneys on intricate legal problems. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and has served three terms as district attorney. Rising to a place of prominence in the professional world, he com-

manded the respect and esteem of the entire community, and in his retired life he has been surrounded by many friends. Religious'y he is an active and consistent member of the Baptist Church and has held many of the church offices. His marriage resulted in the birth of a son, Robert R., the subject of this personal history.

Robert R. Little was eight years of age when his parents moved from Berwick to Bloomsburg, and there he was reared, receiving a good education in the Bloomsburg State Normal School from which he was graduated in 1872. He subsequently entered the University of Rochester at Rochester, N. Y., and then attended Hamilton College at Clinton, N. Y. In 1873 he entered his father's office and applied himself with such diligence as to be able to pass the bar examination two years later. He immediately became his father's partner and they practiced under the firm name E. H. & R. R. Little until the former's retirement. Our subject has since practiced alone and is patronized by a leading class of citizens and business men, having a large and profitable clientage. He is a man of great energy and indomitable will, and is untiring in the prosecution of every case he undertakes. He served as district attorney from 1875 to 1881, two terms in all, and filled out two terms as county solicitor. He was also solicitor for the borough one term.

October 15, 1878, Judge Little was united in marriage with Deborah T. Tustin of Bloomsburg, and they are the happy parents of three children: Henry J.; Josiah T.; and Catharine T. Socially he is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M. In religious attachments he is a faithful member of the Baptist Church. Judge Little's portrait accompanies this sketch, being presented on a previous page.



**A**LBERT KAY is one of the progressive and enterprising farmers of Elkland township, Sullivan County, Pa., where he has resided since childhood. He is a son of William and Ann (Bedford) Kay, and was born in Yorkshire, England, March 18, 1847. His grandparents were George and Sarah A. Kay.

William Kay, our subject's father, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1801, and in 1849 immigrated to the United States and obtained employment in the Barclay mines in Bradford County, Pa. He subsequently purchased a farm of ninety-two acres in Elkland township, now owned by Albert Kay, of a Mr. Bedford, and upon this he built a frame house, clearing the entire land and following farming the remainder of his life. He was a man of good business principles and attained a high degree of success in the pursuance of his occupation. Religiously he was a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Ann Bedford, who was born in 1807, and their children were: Joseph; Henry; Elizabeth; Harriet; William; Sarah Ann; Mary Ann; Caroline; and Albert.

Albert Kay, whose name heads these lines, attended the public schools after coming to this country and followed farming and lumbering up to the time of his father's demise. During his younger days many difficulties were encountered in transporting lumber from the great timber-lands of Sullivan County to the markets owing to the narrow but swift streams down which timber had to be floated. It required a man of great skill to safely conduct timber down the Loyalsock Creek to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, and the trips had to be made during the freshets in the spring and fall. Mr. Kay was unexcelled as a raftsman and made three or four trips every year, always returning by

foot. He entered into this line of business as a steersman, but his services were soon sought as a pilot and he followed that occupation for twelve years, during which time but once was his raft caught and held fast. Upon his father's death he purchased the homestead and later bought land adjoining and has followed farming and teaming up to the present. He built an elegant modern house, which is well furnished and is supplied with many conveniences; he also erected new barns and out-buildings, and everything about the place is in first-class order for successfully carrying on farming. He is very industrious and his business enterprises have not only turned out well, but in private life he occupies a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

Our subject was united in marriage with Susie King, a daughter of Job L. and Jane (Converse) King. Mr. King was a farmer of Sullivan County and for many years was county surveyor. He later settled at Columbia Cross Roads, where he died at the age of sixty-nine years. He married Jane Converse, and they reared six children, namely: Orlando; Rufus; Septor; Alice; Susie, wife of our subject; and Sadie. Upon the death of his first wife he married Lucinda Brenchley and they had one daughter, Lillian. Our subject is a staunch Republican and has served as commissioner of the township and school director. He is liberal in his religious views. Fraternally he is a member and grand past master of Lodge No. 522, I. O. O. F., of Forksville.

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**W**ILLIAM FAUST, a representative and progressive citizen of the town of Berwick and superintendent of the erecting car-shops of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, was born in Locust Valley,



Schuylkill County, Pa., July 3, 1845, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Lindenmouth) Faust and a grandson of John and Rosena (Hungsinger) Faust.

John Faust, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer and lived to a ripe old age. He was wedded to Rosena Hungsinger who bore him the following children: John, George, William, Henry, Jameson, Phoebe, Betsey, Jacob, and Rosena.

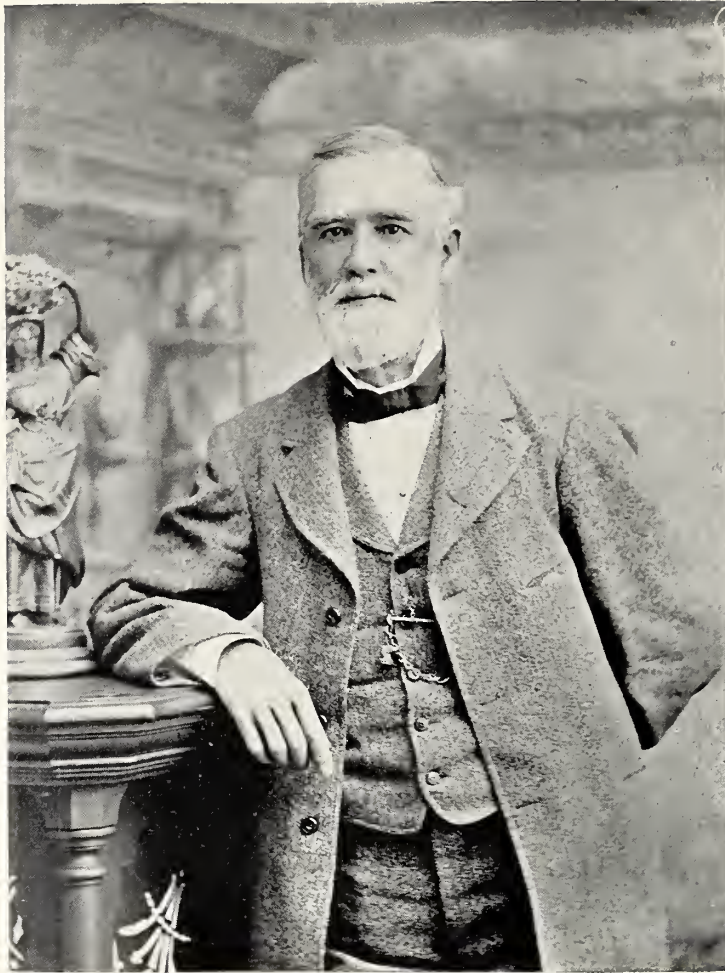
William Faust, the father of our subject, was born in this state and when he grew to manhood he moved to Locust Valley, Schuylkill County, where he purchased four hundred acres of timberland. He built a saw-mill, cleared part of the property and carried on farming the remainder of his active days. Mr. Faust was one of the progressive and successful farmers of his community and took an active part in all measures which tended to benefit the conditions of his fellow-countrymen. He entered the world of rest at the age of fifty-two years; his wife passed from this earth July 17, 1897. Mrs. Lucetta Thompson, sister of our subject, now owns part of the original homestead. Mr. Faust was united in the bonds of wedlock to Rebecca Lindenmouth, and a family of fourteen children were born to them, namely: Israel, deceased; John, deceased; Joseph, a contractor residing in the town of Berwick; Henry and Eli, deceased; William, our subject; George, a resident of St. Nicholas, Pa.; Amos, who resides in Mahanoy City, Pa.; Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of D. S. Scheipe; Ann, wife of J. J. Walborn, Mahanoy City, Pa.; Catherine, who was united in marriage to William Allen; Rosanna, who wedded J. B. Koppenhaffer; Lucetta, wife of J. R. Thompson; and Rebecca, who married H. R. Manger of New Boston, Pa.

William Faust, the subject of this review,

remained under the parental roof and attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age. He then moved to Middleport, Pa., where he learned the trade of a cabinetmaker. When President Lincoln issued a call for men to put down the Rebellion, our subject being sixteen years of age and too young to enlist as a regular, enlisted as a musician August 14, 1861, in Company I, 48th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and remained in the service throughout the war. He served through all the battles with his company, which belonged to the Ninth Army Corps under the command of Gen. Burnside. Among the most notable battles in which our subject took part were Second Bull Run; South Mountain; Antietam; and Fredericksburg. He then returned to his home on a furlough of thirty days and when he returned to the front he joined Gen. Grant's Army, and was in the battles of the Wilderness; Spottsylvania; Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. Our subject received an honorable discharge June 17, 1865. Returning home, in 1867 he moved to Berwick and for eleven years he worked in the car-building department and did general carpenter work for The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, or until 1878 when he was promoted to be foreman of the same department. He has eighty men under his charge and they turn out fifteen cars per day. Mr. Faust is a self-made man in every respect and has succeeded in life by his own industry and perseverance. He is an honest and faithful workman and is considered by his employers one of the company's most reliable foremen. As a citizen he is one of the valued members of his community, and is held in high esteem by all his acquaintances.

Mr. Faust has served as a member of the town council several times, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Berwick. Our





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subject was joined in the bonds of matrimony to Mary J. Smith, a daughter of John Smith, a resident of Black Creek, Luzerne County, Pa. Three children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Faust, as follows: Frank, who is employed by The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company; Emma, the wife of W. S. Johnson, who is the mother of two children, Clark and Frederick; and Charles, who died in infancy.

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**M**RS. ABIGAIL A. GEISINGER, nee CORNELISON, who resides in a handsome residence on Center street, is the relict of George F. Geisinger and a descendant of an early and prominent family of the borough of Danville, Montour County, Pa. When her grandfather, Joseph Cornelison, first located there, Danville was but a small settlement and presented an appearance in striking contrast with the now thriving business center which is widely known throughout the state. This sturdy old ancestor and his family became identified with many of its first industrial enterprises, and to such of her early residents as these does Danville owe its present standing. With wonderful foresight and pride did they predict the success which she would attain, and none who have had the good fortune to see Danville in recent years can doubt the correctness of their predictions.

Joseph Cornelison was born in Holland and upon coming to this country settled in the state of New Jersey, but soon after moved to Danville, Montour County, Pa., where he established the first blacksmith shop and followed that line of business the remainder of his life. He died in that town and was laid to rest in Grove Cemetery. His wife's maiden

name was Martin, and she was also buried in Grove Cemetery. Their marriage resulted in the following issue: Joseph, who was the first male white child born in Danville; William; Jacob; Isaac, the father of our subject; Cornelius; James; Massey; Mary (Yorks); and Anna (Best).

Isaac Cornelison was born in Danville, and at an early day learned the trade of a wagon-maker, carrying on his business on Mill street. There he followed that line of work until his death, at the age of forty-three years. He married Abigail Pancoast, a daughter of Mordecai and Mary (Mears) Pancoast, who were strict adherents of the Quaker faith. Mrs. Cornelison died at the age of twenty-four years and six months, leaving two children: Mary E., the wife of D. Rice, both now deceased; and Abigail A., the subject of this personal history.

Our subject was first united in marriage with Jacob Cornelison, who was for some years proprietor of the hotel known as the White Swan. He was a son of Joseph Cornelison, who, in 1820, purchased the ground on which the City Hotel is now situated, and ten years later erected a building in which he conducted a fine hotel. This establishment became well-known throughout that section as the White Swan; a very appropriate sign was hung over the door, being an artistically-painted white swan. He continued at the head of this establishment until 1852, when his son, Jacob, succeeded him as proprietor. The latter conducted the business with success until his death, in 1865, at the age of thirty-five years. The building was large and substantial. In 1872 it was purchased by Adam Geringer and he erected the present structure known as the City Hotel.

Our subject formed a second matrimonial alliance with George F. Geisinger, who was



born in Hingham, Mass., in 1821, and was a son of Commodore David Geisinger. At the age of sixteen years he was sent to Boston for the completion of his education, and upon leaving college he went to Baltimore, Md., and accepted a position in a mercantile business. He remained there until 1844, when he accompanied his father on a pleasure trip abroad, returning to Baltimore two years later. In 1847 he went to South America and spent two years in prospecting, and upon returning, in 1849, he went to California. Subsequently he went to Philadelphia, where he acted as his father's secretary at the Naval Asylum until 1854. In June, 1855, he accepted the position of bookkeeper for Grove & Bro., a prominent iron manufacturing firm of Danville. This firm was succeeded by Thomas Beaver & Co., but Mr. Geisinger still retained the position of head bookkeeper, acting in that capacity for a period of twenty-four years, when he became a member of the firm. He possessed unexcelled business propensities and proved a valuable man to have at the head of this industry. However, he later disposed of his interest in order that he might spend the remainder of an unusually active life in quiet retirement, his only business for the remainder of his life being an interest which he acquired with Daniel Edwards in mining and dealing in coal at Kingston, Pa. After his death, in 1883, his worthy wife assumed his interest in the business and has continued as a member of the firm up to the present time, conducting her affairs with characteristic ability and good judgment.

Mrs. Geisinger purchased the old Shelhart residence on Center street, remodeled it, and greatly improved the lawn by the addition of shrubs and trees, making it a model home, and one of the finest residences in the county.

Religiously she is a liberal supporter of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, of which her husband was also a faithful member. She is a woman possessing many excellent qualities and occupies a high place in the estimation of her many friends.

On a preceding page, in connection with the foregoing sketch, we take pleasure in presenting a portrait of George F. Geisinger.

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**F**RANK C. ANGLE is a lawyer of much prominence in Montour County, but he is better known to the public as the proprietor and publisher of the Montour American, a weekly paper of high standing, and the Morning News, a daily containing the latest telegraphic news, abounding in items of local interest, and sensible and entertaining editorials which are well and carefully written and show the result of deep thought. Mr. Angle has been connected with the growth of Danville in many ways and has done more for the advancement of its interests than any other single individual in the same period. He is a native of Danville, having been born February 25, 1854, and is a son of William and Henrietta (Pursel) Angle.

The grandfather of our subject was a leading agriculturist of Greenwood township, Columbia County, where he lived a long and useful life. William Angle, the father of our subject, was born in Greenwood township, Columbia County, and when a young man removed to Danville and established a general merchandise store opposite the Danville Public Library, which building has since been torn down. He was engaged in that business for over twenty years, and at the expiration of that period he had accumulated enough wealth to enable him to retire and spend his declining days in ease and comfort. He owned

many valuable pieces of property in Danville and built a block of dwelling-houses on Church street. He served in the town council for several terms and was also a commissioner of water works. He was joined in hymeneal bonds to Henrietta Pursel, a daughter of William Pursel of Jersey Shore, Pa., and their happy union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Frank C., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; Lizzie H., the wife of J. E. Bru'ey of Syracuse, N. Y.; and William P., a well known dentist and business man of Danville. In political views William Angle faithfully supported the principles of the Republican party. He was liberal in his religious views. He closed his eyes in final sleep at the age of sixty-three years, and his worthy wife now resides in Danville.

Frank C. Angle, after completing the required course in the common schools, attended Lehigh University from which he graduated with the class of 1876. He then took up the study of law with Thomas Galbreth, a learned lawyer of Danville, and was admitted to the Montour County Bar in 1879, after which he formed a partnership with James Scarlet and began practice. Subsequently the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Angle has since been engaged in practice alone. He is a man of high principles, shrewd and energetic, and he makes the case of a client a personal matter, putting forth his greatest efforts. In debates he is cool and collected, presents the facts clearly and argues forcibly. He has not only been engaged in the work of his profession, but has been closely connected with many public enterprises, especially where the welfare of the borough of Danville has been concerned. He is a member of the board of water commissioners of Danville; manager of the Danville Opera

House; and is proprietor of the Atlas Manufacturing Company which was established in 1875. He erected the building, in which he manufactures all kinds of wooden household novelties, and the company does an enormous business, also conducting a branch house in Williamsport. In 1878 our subject purchased the Montour American, which was founded December 11, 1855, by D. H. B. Brower, who was succeeded by Joel S. Bailey and Charles Cork in 1864. Mr. Brower again became the owner in 1871 and disposed of it to W. H. Bradley and Lewis Gordon. They conducted the paper for a few years, and were succeeded by Edward C. Baldy, William B. Baldy, and finally by Bennett & Frick, of whom our subject purchased the plant. Under his successful guidance it has prospered and become one of the best weekly papers in the county, having a circulation of 800 copies per week. In September, 1897, he established the Morning News, which has had an exceedingly rapid growth and has a circulation of 700 copies per day. Mr. Angle is a man of medium stature, of fine personal appearance, and by the pleasant and courteous manner which he manifests toward every one has become very popular and has made many friends throughout his section of the country.

Mr. Angle and Sue Robison, a daughter of Theodore Robison of Easton, Pa., took the marriage vows and they are the proud parents of two sons, namely: Theodore and Frank Purcel. In religious views our subject is an Episcopalian, and a member of Christ Memorial Church, of which he is senior warden.



ILLIAM W. BLACK, the popular and efficient sheriff of Columbia County, resides in the county jail at Bloomsburg, which is one of the finest and best

equipped in the state. He is a son of John and Ann (Lemons) Black, and was born in Evers Grove, Columbia County, November 19, 1845.

Jeremiah Black, grandfather of our subject, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and came to America about the year 1800, first located in Lewisburg, Northumberland County, and later moved to Columbia County. He was naturally a mechanic and followed the trade of a miller and millwright. In Northumberland County he operated a large flour mill until 1822, the time of his removal to Columbia County, and the remainder of his life was spent in operating a mill owned by James Heberman. He was drowned in attempting to ford a stream below the mills on December 7, 1827. His wife survived him many years, dying January 27, 1865. Their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: James, who was born in 1806, was a miller and inventor by trade and died in Philadelphia at the age of eighty years; John, the father of our subject; Mary, who married Theodore Pinkerton, a resident of Indiana; Jeremiah, who died at an early age; William, a retired jeweler of Tioga County; Caroline, deceased, who married a Mr. Pearsall, an actor; Lovina, who died at an early age; and Horatio Nelson, who, like his father, is of a mechanical turn of mind, and resides in Philadelphia.

John Black, the father of our subject, was born October 26, 1809, and in due time learned the trade of a miller with his father and after the latter's death assisted in supporting the family and rearing his younger brothers and sisters. He was first employed in Hoffman's mill near Light Street, Pa., and later at Bowman's and other mills in that locality. He was finally obliged to give up his trade on account of failing health and for

some time he was engaged in burr dressing, after which he purchased a tavern at Rohrsburg, which he conducted in connection with a general merchandise store. He built a new hotel which is still standing and is known as the Rohrsburg House. His son, Perry D., succeeded him as proprietor of the store, but Mr. Black assisted him until 1898, when he removed to Bloomsburg, where he has since lived in retirement at the home of our subject. He is enjoying excellent health for one of his years, being now passed eighty-nine years of age, and has a large number of friends throughout the county who wish him many more years of health and happiness. Mr. Black was united in marriage to Ann Lemon, a daughter of Jonathan Lemon, January 31, 1833, and they reared seven children, as follows: Lemon J., who is a farmer near Rohrsburg; Isaac F., a retired citizen of Morris, Tioga County, Pa., where he was formerly a very popular hotelkeeper; Perry D., a merchant of Rohrsburg; Mary C., deceased; Alfred B., who died in 1866 from diseases contracted in the War of the Rebellion; William W., the subject of this personal history; and Elizabeth, who married J. W. Fortner of Centralia, Pa.

William W. Black was reared in his native township where he attended the common schools. He then engaged in huckstering which business he continued until he purchased his father's hotel, which he managed for over fifteen years with good results. He then followed farming in connection with the hotel business but for the past three years has rented his hotel property. In 1894 he was a candidate for the office of sheriff, but was beaten for the nomination. In 1897 he received the nomination, was elected by a comfortable majority, and has since performed the duties of that office in such a manner as to



gain the highest approval of all concerned. On January 1, 1897, Mr. Black moved into the residence part of the jail, which is fitted with all modern improvements and is in keeping with the remainder of the building. It is a massive and beautiful stone structure of two stories and a basement, and has a large stone tower from which an excellent view of the town of Bloomsburg may be had. The interior is divided into twenty-eight cells, fourteen on each floor, each of which contains the regulation furnishings. The jail is well ventilated and is lighted by three sky-lights and glass-closed slots, which are too small to permit a prisoner to escape through them. Every possible precaution is taken to prevent the escape of any of the prisoners, as the walls are of heavy stone, lined with metal, and the doors are also lined with metal. About the building is a stone wall twenty-two and a half feet in height with a smooth finish on the inside. Mr. Black appointed his son, A. Bruce Black, deputy sheriff, and he has performed his duties in a conscientious and straightforward manner. Our subject has also served in official capacity as constable and tax collector.

Our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Rachel A. Unger, a daughter of Lafayette Unger of Unityville, and they became the proud parents of two children: Ella M., who married John W. Mather, by whom she had two sons, Ray and Bruce; and A. Bruce, who attended the high school of York, Pa., and the seminary at Williamsport, and is also a graduate of Michael's University of Logansport, Ind.,—he took a special course in penmanship in Zanerian Art College at Columbus, O., and for a short time was a teacher of penmanship.

In 1864, during the darkest period of the Civil War, Mr. Black enlisted in 210th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., as a private and continued in

the service until the close of the war. Our subject is well known throughout the district as a man of sterling qualities and is respected and esteemed by a large circle of friends.

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REV. ALOYSIUS MEUWESE, the beloved pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, although a resident of Mount Carmel for only a few years has so endeared himself to the faithful Roman Catholics of that borough, as well as to his neighbors of all religious creeds, that his departure would be looked upon as a misfortune to the town. A man of strong character, pleasant in his manner and forceful in his pulpit utterances, a devout follower of God, Father Meuwese is popular and has done much in a brief period of time to advance the interests of both his church and the town in which he so kindly and successfully presides over his church and his people.

Father Meuwese is a son of Cornelius Francis and Petronilla (Coppens) Meuwese. He was born December 5, 1859, in the city of Bois le Duc (Woods of the Duke), the ancient capital of the province of North Brabant, The Netherlands. He is the youngest of a family of twelve children, ten sons and two daughters. The oldest of his brothers, Lambert, was also a priest and served the church for a period of thirteen years faithfully in The Netherlands, and died in 1883. Our subject when quite young began his studies in the school of the Christian Brothers and there completed his elementary course, then entered the Petit Seminary in his native diocese where he applied himself to the classics, Latin and Greek. Having determined to enter the priesthood, he took the philosophical part of his course in the diocesan seminary at Haaren



and completed his theology in the renowned American College at Louvain, Belgium. On April 14, 1884, he was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal chapel of Bois le Duc by Rt. Rev. Adrian Godschalk, D. D. He departed from the land of his birth in the fall of 1884 and landed at Vancouver, Wash., at that time a territory. His first appointment was as assistant in the cathedral in Vancouver, a teacher of the primary class at Holy Angels' College, and as rector in charge of seven missions in the vicinity of Vancouver. So well were his duties performed that our subject was within a year appointed resident rector of the Church of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, in Sprague, Lincoln County, Wash., with a mission-field comprising territory seventy-five miles square, and which he was obliged to cover on horseback in making his rounds and administering to the people. In 1890, his health having failed, on account of the arduous duties of his missionary life, he was transferred, at his own request, to Seattle, Wash., where he assumed the duties of assistant rector of the Church of Good Help. He then took charge of many missions in the vicinity of Seattle, frequently visiting the lumber camps, the mining villages and the fertile valley and hopfields between Seattle and Tacoma. In 1892 Father Meuwese visited his native land for rest and returning in the fall of that year resumed his labors, giving up missionary work on the advice of his physician, and removing to the diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., in February, 1893, immediately locating in Mount Carmel where he has been active and successful since as a priest and pastor. He began his work in Mount Carmel as assistant to Father James O'Reilly and assumed the rectorate upon the transfer of the former priest to another parish in July, 1893.

During his pastorate of the Church of Our

Lady of Mount Carmel, our subject has been energetic and assiduous in behalf of his people and the religion of which he is a firm and a consistent minister. He has organized several church societies, all of which have flourished and been productive of great good, including the St. Aloysius C. T. A. Society, Ladies' Temperance Society, the Cadets of Temperance, the St. Vincent de Paul's Society, and the customary societies common in the work of the Roman Catholic Church. Over all of these Father Meuwese keeps watchful eye and guides them with kindly, firm, fatherly hand, each one being of large membership and thoroughly alive and accomplishing much of the church work which contributes to the growth and the spiritual welfare of his parish. Especially devoted has been our subject to the cause of sobriety and to him many times have been paid the tearful, yet joyful, tributes of mothers, wives, and even sweethearts, because of his good influence with and his helpfulness towards their loved ones. Quiet and unassuming, Father Meuwese has a delightfully informal manner which makes his visitations anxiously looked forward to.

The parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel contains something over 400 families and it has prospered finely considering that it is comparatively young and that a period of depression in the business world has added to the difficulties which Father Meuwese and his good people have had to contend against. As related elsewhere in this Book of Biographies, in a review of the life-work of Very Rev. J. J. Koch, Mount Carmel was a mission attached to the parish of St. Edward's Church of Shamokin and was for a time presided over by Father Koch. The mission grew and in 1871 Father Fields of Centralia, now deceased, was placed in charge of it. Father Fields was suc-

ceeded by Rev. John O'Reilly, who was the first resident pastor, Mount Carmel having been made a separate parish. Father O'Reilly was a priest of marked ability and under his administration the new parish progressed successfully. On a visit to Marietta, on July 26, 1892, Father O'Reilly was stricken down, dying in a short time, cut off in the midst of a most useful and successful career. His burial at St. Joseph, Susquehanna County, was attended by a large delegation of his Mount Carmel parishioners, sorrowing greatly at the sudden taking away of one whom they so dearly loved and respected. The succeeding pastor of the church was Rev. Mark A. O'Neil who finished the construction of the church which Father O'Reilly had begun. Father O'Neil lived to see the edifice dedicated in May, 1888, by Bishop McGovern of Harrisburg, soon after passing to his final reward. Rev. James O'Reilly was the next pastor of the church. He organized the parochial school and on September 25, 1892, was gratified by installing as instructors five Sisters of the Immaculate Heart from West Chester. The work so well begun by Father O'Reilly has been as well carried to its termination by Father Meuwese. Nearly 300 children are enrolled in the parochial school and the pastor hopes soon to be able to provide for a new and more adequate school building.

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**M**ARTIN I. HENNESSY. Prominent among the influential and enterprising business men of the town of Bloomsburg, is the gentleman whose name heads this narrative, who is proprietor of the Bloomsburg Bottling Works. He was born in Centralia, Columbia County,

Pa., September 17, 1868, and is a son of John and Catherine (Larkin) Hennessy.

John Hennessy was a native of County Galway, Ireland, and at the age of twenty-one years he left his native country, came to the United States and engaged in mining until his death. His latter days were spent in Centralia, Columbia County. Mr. Hennessy was united in the bonds of wedlock to Catherine Larkin and a family of five children was born to them, namely: Martin I., the subject of this personal history; John; Mary; Thomas; and Catherine. His widow now resides in Bloomsburg.

Our subject received his intellectual training in the public schools of Centralia and at the age of nine years he began work in the breakers of that town; at the age of sixteen years he went with his father and engaged in mining for four years. He then learned the trade of a plasterer and bricklayer, which occupation he followed five years. At the age of twenty-five years he purchased the Bloomsburg Bottling Works, which was established by Mr. O'Blosser who was succeeded by his wife, she by Peter Gross and he upon his death by E. P. Cameron, who was succeeded by our subject in 1894. When Mr. Hennessy took possession of the establishment it had a small trade, but by the closest attention and honest dealings he has succeeded in building up a large and paying patronage. He handles over 2,000 barrels of beer and various kinds of carbonated drinks and has an extensive patronage in Bloomsburg and the surrounding villages.

Mr. Hennessy formed a matrimonial alliance with Clara Gross, a daughter of Peter and Philopina (Young) Gross. Peter Gross was born in Swarton, Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, June 20, 1825, and during his youthful days he learned the trade of a stone-

mason. In 1860 he came with his family to the United States and located in Kingston, Pa., and later moved to Danville, Pa., where he followed the puddler's trade. In 1871 he migrated to Bloomsburg and purchased the O'Blosser Bottling Works, which he rebuilt and enlarged, carrying on the business until his death, November 21, 1890. He wedded Philopina Young and they reared a large family of children, namely: Jacob, deceased; Philip, deceased; David; Margaret, the wife of Charles Ball; Lena, who married John Deniker; Daniel, deceased; William, a resident of Bloomsburg; Clara, the wife of our subject; Peter; Elizabeth; and John.

To our subject and wife were born two children: John, born in Bloomsburg, June 22, 1894; and Frances Clara, born in Bloomsburg, November 26, 1897. Mrs. Hennessy departed this life January 3, 1899. Our subject is interested in local and general matters and politically votes the straight Democratic ticket. He is a valued member of the community and by his upright dealings and habits of thrift and industry has secured the confidence and esteem of his neighbors.

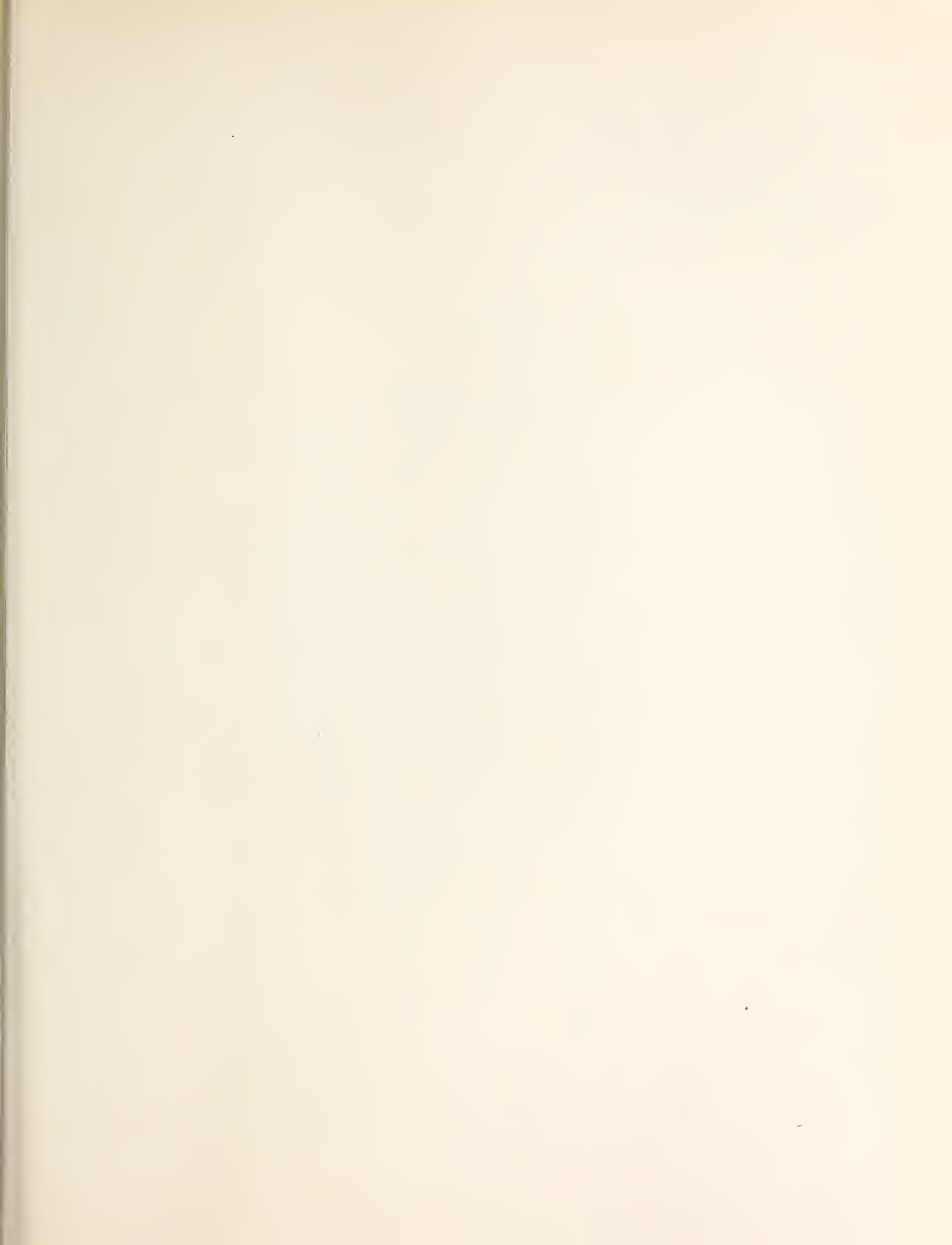
THEODORE REDEKER, a prominent citizen and manufacturer of the town of Bloomsburg who is successfully engaged in the manufacture of furniture, was born in the city of Philadelphia November 21, 1856, and is a son of Henry William and Caroline (Reimer) Redeker, and grandson of William Redeker.

Henry W. Redeker, the father of our subject, was a native of Struken, Prussia, and his younger days were spent in learning the trade of a cabinetmaker. In 1854 he left his native country and came to the United States. He

located in Philadelphia, where he followed his trade.

Our subject received a common school education and then worked with his father, learning the trade of a cabinetmaker. Attaining his manhood he became interested in the manufacture of furniture and was made superintendent of the J. K. Rishel Furniture Works at Hughesville, Lycoming County, Pa. In 1891 our subject removed to Bloomsburg and organized the Bloomsburg Furniture Company, the officers of which are as follows: Theodore Redeker, president; and W. H. Schuyler, secretary and treasurer. They erected a large brick factory 50 by 100 feet on the corner of East Seventh and Spruce streets, near the tracks of the D., L. & W. R. R., and have successfully engaged in the manufacture of bedroom sets, sideboards, and all other furniture. The proprietors are both thoroughly reliable business men and by their honest business methods and excellent work they have established a large and paying patronage. In 1897 our subject organized the North Branch Furniture Company, formerly the Bloomsburg Furniture Company, whose officers are: W. M. Reber, president; F. W. Redeker, secretary; Theodore Redeker, superintendent; W. J. Correll, manager and treasurer; and W. H. Slate, assistant manager. The company has two large factories, one 60 by 80 feet and the other 50 by 100 feet; the machinery is operated by an engine of one hundred horse-power, and the plant has its own electric-light power. The company employs upwards of seventy-five men, who turn out a fine grade of work, and makes large shipments throughout the Eastern States.

Mr. Redeker was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mary E. Van Buskirk of Hughesville, Pa., and as a result of this union







WILLIAM HARTMAN WOODIN.

four children bless their home, namely: Annie, Robert, Florence, and Marie. Mr. Redeker is now in the prime of life, enjoying the comforts of a neat little home and surrounded by a happy family. His strict attention to business has secured him a fair share of this world's goods, while his uprightness in all his dealings, combined with his genial deportment, has won him the respect and affection of all who know him. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. While at Hughesville he served as borough auditor and school director.

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CEMUEL RICKETTS WOODIN is too well-known throughout the Seventeenth Congressional District to need an extended introduction to the readers of this volume. His name is known and respected throughout the United States wherever any attention is paid to the rolling-stock of railroads. His present and past connection with car-manufacturing places him among the most prominent men of the Keystone State. For twenty-two years, until 1894, he served as president of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, of which his father was one of the founders, and of which his son, William H. Woodin, is now vice-president. He is now living a retired life, because of failing health brought on by business cares, and resides in his palatial residence on Berwick Heights, than which there is no finer nor more completely-appointed home in Central Pennsylvania.

Mr. Woodin was born in Cambria, Luzerne County, Pa., December 26, 1844, and is a son of the late William Hartman Woodin, a grandson of David Charles Woodin, and a great-grandson of Milo Woodin, a native of

Connecticut. Our subject's grandfather was an architect by profession who settled in Pennsylvania; he died October 21, 1825, a young man in years. He was married in 1819 to Sarah Hartman, who was born in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pa., in 1792, and who died the same year as her husband. Their children numbered three, as follows: William Hartman; Joseph B.; and a daughter.

William Hartman Woodin was born in Salem, Luzerne County, Pa., November 4, 1821, and married Elizabeth Foster, daughter of John and Ellen Foster. Among the first of his business ventures was the building of a foundry at Foundryville, Briarcreek township, Columbia County, where he manufactured pig iron, and, later, stoves and plows. In 1849 he united his interests with those of M. W. Jackson, who had in 1840 with George Mack established a foundry at Berwick. Mr. Jackson bought out Mr. Mack and the united strength of the firm of Jackson & Woodin, under which style they did business from the start, was such as to assure full and complete success. Both gentlemen possessed extraordinary ability and shrewd business judgment and each had a practical and thorough knowledge of the iron industry. They started in business in a building, 40 by 25 feet, at the corner of Market and Third streets, where they manufactured the Robb stove, with open grate, and a round stove with a bake-oven on top; also plows, a specialty in this line being the old Bull plow. The stoves and plows were among the best of that time, but would be considered crude at the present day, because of the many improvements that have been made. In 1850 they began the manufacture of iron pipes; in 1858 they commenced making bridge castings for the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad. In 1861 the firm of Jackson & Woodin received a large contract from

Mr. Creveling, a large lime manufacturer of Espy, Columbia County; the order was for sixteen four-wheeled cars, which they constructed in a shed; when the cars were finished the sides of the shed were torn down, and the cars drawn to the railroad by horses. In this work the two partners demonstrated that they were men of exceptional ability, whom no obstacles could overcome or drive from their original purpose. The result was that from that time forward they never lacked orders and their business grew pleasingly, many new departments being added to the rapidly growing plant. One of the specialties that Messrs. Jackson and Woodin developed was the manufacture of mine cars and mine castings, and in this branch of work they have held their own with many competitors to the present time. The partners were greatly aided in their work by their mutual friend, A. C. Whitney of Philadelphia, who gave them timely advice and lent them patterns and chills for the mouldings of car wheels. It may also be said that the man who mixed the iron for the wheels made at that time is still in the employ of the company and serves in the same capacity as then. In 1872 the D., L. & W. R. R. built a switch in Second street and connected it with all parts of the Jackson & Woodin plant, and so from that time on the firm's goods were loaded on cars in its own yards. On March 1, 1872, The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company was organized, with C. R. Woodin, our subject, president, his father retiring.

William Hartman Woodin was a man beloved by all. He was strict and exact in business affairs and had little patience with those who were disposed to shirk obligations or to slight their work. But, with all his adherence to the sterling rules of business, he never lost sight of the fact that he had been blessed

abundantly and that it was his duty to make bright and happy the lives of those whose lot, otherwise, might have been wretchedness and want. He gave liberally as a friend and not as one dispensing alms. In his life there was nothing artificial, nothing out of harmony. He was loved and respected by all who knew him and his death on November 10, 1886, was mourned as a public calamity. The memory of his nobly spent life is still green in the minds of all with whom he was associated in varied walks of life. His wife, who is now aged seventy-seven years, is living in Berwick, Pa. Their children were as follows: Joseph B., deceased; Sarah A., deceased; C. R., our subject; Eudora W., widow of the late S. P. Hanly of Berwick; Mary, deceased; John Foster, of Arkansas; and Elizabeth, deceased.

C. R. Woodin, at the age of sixteen years, left Kingston Seminary on account of his eyes, and began work under his father. In 1863 he served one year in the Pennsylvania Emergency Reserves, Company C, 28th Regiment. Upon his return to Berwick he applied himself to learning and becoming familiar with every detail and development of the business. He was made president of the company upon its organization, March 1, 1872, and filled that office until 1894, when, his health having been overtaxed by business, he resigned. The company is now officered by the following men: Fred'k H. Eaton, a nephew of the subject of this sketch, president; William H. Woodin, vice-president; W. F. Lowery, secretary; W. M. Hager, treasurer; and H. F. Glenn, general manager. It has a capital of \$1,100,000. The business has increased yearly until now the Jackson & Woodin cars are seen on nearly all railroads of the United States and Canada. Employment is given to 1,500 workmen, most of



them skilled in their department of work. Descriptions of the various departments, such as the car-wheel foundry, pipe foundry, rolling mills, and car, casting, paint, car-building, and forging departments, are on other pages of this work in the biographical sketches of the different foremen and superintendents.

Mr. Woodin has lived the greater part of his life in Berwick, only making his home at Hazleton for a short time for the benefit of his health, as a high elevation was required. In 1890 he bought the Van Pelt and other farms located on an elevation north of the town of Berwick. A few acres having been cleared on the highest part of an elevation of 1,200 feet above the sea, and 700 feet above the railroad track at Berwick, Mr. Woodin decided to build residences for himself and son there. A fine graded road 2 8-10 miles in length leads to the summit from which a broad, open view of the Susquehanna Valley may be had, with mountain after mountain piled up for a background and with the fertile valley in which Berwick is located for an immediate foreground. Besides Berwick, which is one of the most progressive boroughs in the state, several small villages may be seen. To the southwest is a magnificent scene of forest-covered peaks and cuts and ravines, that is scarcely surpassed in beauty and grandeur. To the north on a clear day can be seen the Glen Summit Hotel, 30 miles distant, and still farther the Pocono Mountains. In the summer, one escapes the sultry valley air and enjoys the mountain breezes, receiving health and invigoration the year around. In 1891 Mr. Woodin built his beautiful home on this charming spot, constructing it of stone and wood, with spacious verandas. His son also built a residence near by, and both are of Queen Anne style. The houses are furnished with all the conveniences that minister to the

comfort of its occupants, both in summer and in winter. Three cottages were erected for his employees, and a water tower 50 feet high was built of stone and timber, stone being used for the first story; this tower is supplied with pure spring water which is forced to it by pumps located at the spring 1,600 feet below at the foot of the hill. Also attached to the tower, and located on its first floor, is a chemical engine and hose-cart, for emergency use in case of fire. A large barn was also built for each house; one of them burning recently, it was rebuilt into a handsome structure, 33 by 40 feet, finished throughout with Norway pine. The borough of Berwick supplies the necessary means of illuminating the premises. Sixteen arc lights disposed about the house and on the walks and drives are lit every night, and give to one, who may be miles away, the impression that a city is located there. As many trees of the natural forest growth were left standing, the grounds do not lack for abundant shade. Beautiful lawns, tennis courts, flower gardens, fruit orchards and gardens make up the rest of the prospect, which is truly a delightful one. Mr. Woodin lives quite closely at home throughout the year, except during the severest weather, when he makes a trip to the South to avoid the chilling blasts of winter. Mr. Woodin married Mary Dickerman, daughter of Dr. Charles and Adelia Dickerman of Hartford, Pa., and to them was born one son, William Hartman, named after his noble grandfather.

William Hartman Woodin, the only child of our subject, was born May 27, 1868, in Berwick, where he received his early education in the public schools. At the age of fourteen years he entered the preparatory department of the Woodbridge School of Mines, New York City, and completed his




technical education in the School of Mines of Columbia College. Returning to Berwick, he made himself master of the practical workings of the great institution of which his father was then president and acquainted himself with every detail, so that now he is the best informed of the stockholders. He was made a member of the executive committee, and, after two years in that position, became general superintendent of the plant and a director of the company. In 1896 he was chosen vice-president, and is most efficiently filling his father's place. He has won the highest esteem of his employees and the residents of Berwick. On August 25, 1898, Mr. Woodin was made the nominee of the Republicans of the Seventeenth Congressional District for Congress, Representative Monroe H. Kulp retiring at his own request. At the ensuing election in November, Mr. Woodin was defeated. He represents the young element of his party, and also the business interests of Berwick, in which he figures both modestly and prominently. He was married October 9, 1889, to Annie Jessup, daughter of Judge William H. Jessup of Montrose, Pa., and to them two children have come, namely: Mary, Louise, born in Scranton, Pa., October 31, 1891; and Annie Jessup, born in New York City on April 10, 1894.

William Hartman Woodin is a director of the Berwick Water Company, is secretary and director of the Berwick Electric Light Company, and takes an active interest in every public-spirited movement directed toward the benefit of Berwick and its commercial development. It has been a pleasure to him to support liberally all churches, charitable institutions and schools in Berwick, and no worthy cause need lack in him a friend in need and a friend indeed.

On March 1, 1899, the entire plant of The

Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company was sold to the American Car & Foundry Company, an organization with \$60,000,000 capital, practically embracing all the car manufacturing companies in the United States. The new company took possession on that date, and is now operating the business. Fred'k H. Eaton, Esq., nephew of C. R. Woodin, and former president of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, was elected vice-president of the new company with headquarters at New York City, and William H. Woodin was elected district manager to operate the plant at Berwick. Thus the great organization, founded by William Hartman Woodin and M. W. Jackson in 1842, passes out of existence, and C. R. Woodin, after an active and successful business career, permanently retires from car manufacturing.

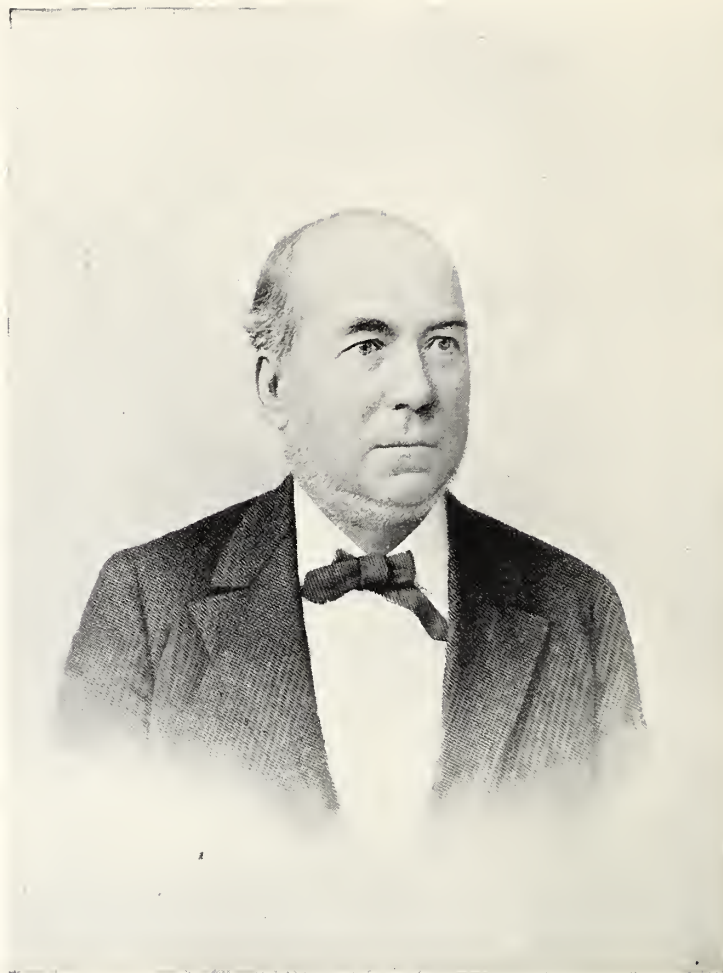
The publishers of this work take pleasure in announcing that a portrait of William Hartman Woodin, the founder of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, appears on a preceding page, in connection with the above sketch.

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 ILLIAM H. SLATE, a progressive and energetic business man of Bloomsburg, is a member of the Hawley-Slate Furniture Company. He was born at Williamsport, Pa., March 13, 1866, and is a son of George Slate, now deceased, who was the proprietor of a large tannery and was also engaged in the manufacture of leather belts.

The father of our subject was a self-made man and after accumulating a fortune he retired from active life in 1885. He entered the world of rest at the age of seventy-five years.

Our subject was educated in the public





HON JOHN B. PACKER.

schools of Williamsport. He was a dutiful son and remained at home during his younger days. Starting out to battle against the tide of life, he engaged as a clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and after clerking for four years he worked in the engineer's department, where he remained three years. In November 1893 our subject moved to Bloomsburg and purchased an interest in the book and stationery store on Main street owned by W. H. Brook & Co. He continued in that line of business until September, 1897. When the North Branch Furniture Company was organized he sold his interest in the book-store and became assistant manager of that company.

July 1, 1898, the Hawley-Slate Furniture Company was organized and succeeded the North Branch Furniture Company. The company employs over 100 skilled workmen, who turn out fine work, and ships its goods all through the Eastern States. It operates two plants, one 60 by 80 feet and the other 50 by 100 feet; the machinery is operated by an engine of one hundred horse-power, and the company also supplies its own power for the electric lights by which the buildings are lighted.

Mr. Slate was united in the bonds of matrimony to Nellie C. Packer, a daughter of John B. Packer of Sunbury, Pa. They reside in a neat little home at No. 27 Fifth street.

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**H**ON. JOHN B. PACKER, deceased, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was at his death the Nestor of the Northumberland County Bar. During the period of forty-seven years in which he was actively engaged in practice there was scarcely a case of any prominence in that section of the state in which he was

not retained as counsel for one party to the suit. His knowledge of law was comprehensive and, being a man of commanding appearance and pleasing personality, he always created a favorable impression on court and jury. As a speaker he was both argumentative and eloquent in style, and he entered upon a case with enthusiasm and energy which could but bear good results to the cause of his client. He gained renown as a lawyer and financier and at his demise he was counsel for several prominent railroad corporations, and was also president of the First National Bank of Sunbury. It has been well said that no man possessed the respect and confidence of the citizens of Sunbury to a greater extent than did John B. Packer.

Mr. Packer was a son of Samuel J. and Rachel (Black) Packer, and was born at Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., March 21, 1824. He received a high classical education under the excellent tutorship of Cale Pelton and Frederick Lebrun in the Sunbury Academy, which had been established but a short time previously. In 1839 he was appointed a member of a corps of engineers employed in the survey and construction of public improvements for the state, continuing in that capacity until 1842, when he entered upon the study of law under the direction of Ebenezer Greenough. He made rapid advancement, being admitted to the bar of Northumberland County August 6, 1844, and then began his practice. He received an appointment as deputy attorney general and served as such for a period of three years, the position giving prominence to his ability. His clientage soon grew to large proportions and he practiced not only in his native county but in various counties in the state and also before the Supreme Court. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Susquehanna



Railroad (now known as the Northern Central), and during the remainder of his life served as its counsel. He served in a like capacity for many years prior to his death for the Philadelphia & Erie, the Pennsylvania and other railroad companies. He was also concerned in the sale and reorganization of the railroad properties of the Shamokin Valley & Pottsville Railroad. In 1855 he identified himself with the Bank of Northumberland, becoming president of the same in 1857, and continued as president until his demise, although in 1864 the bank was merged into the First National Bank of Sunbury. He was connected with banking interests at Selinsgrove and Lewisburg, Pa. He was also a very large landowner, in fact one of the largest landowners in this section of Pennsylvania.

Politics entered largely into Mr. Packer's career and he was called upon to fill many offices of trust. He was originally a Tariff Democrat; he represented his party in the State Legislature two terms, 1849 and 1850. He was actively connected with that organization until 1856, when he allied himself with the newly-organized Republican party, and in 1868 was elected to Congress from the Fourteenth District of Pennsylvania. He served four terms which were marked by the greatest activity on his part, being a member of many committees, among them being the committees on banking and currency; railways and canals, of which he was chairman; postoffices and post-roads, of which he was also chairman; and the committee on foreign affairs. He declined a nomination for a fifth term as representative.

On May 22, 1851, Mr. Packer was joined in hymeneal bonds with Mary M. Cameron, a daughter of the late William Cameron of Lewisburg, and they became the happy parents of five children: William C., who died

June 4, 1886, was born May 1, 1852, and became one of the leading young barristers of the county; Rachel, who is the wife of F. K. Hill of Sunbury; James C., an attorney-at-law at Sunbury; Mary; and Nellie C. Although much of his life was given to business affairs, Mr. Packer found his greatest pleasure in the companionship of his family; he was a true husband and a kind father. He had many friends, and at his death, on July 7, 1891, Sunbury mourned the loss of a public benefactor.

Samuel J. Packer, a brother of the late Hon. John B. Packer, is president of the First National Bank of Sunbury and also one of the first citizens of the borough. He was born on June 19, 1831, and is a son of Samuel J. and Rachel (Black) Packer. He obtained his education in the public schools and in Sunbury Academy, acquiring a good intellectual training. Subsequently he read law under the preceptorship of his brother, John B. Packer, deceased, and was admitted to the bar of Northumberland County on April 4, 1860. Immediately thereafter he entered actively upon the practice of his profession and continued until his election as cashier of the Bank of Northumberland, November 19, 1863. When the bank was merged into the First National Bank of Sunbury in 1864 he accepted a similar position with the new organization, and continued until his brother's death, in 1891, when he was elected to succeed him as president. He continues in that capacity, and conducts the affairs of the bank with the judgment and foresight which have always characterized his business transactions.

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**F**RANCIS P. DRINKER, one of the honored and highly respected citizens of Bloomsburg, who is spending his latter days in enjoying the labors of his past, was

born in Covington township, Luzerne County, now Lackawanna County, Pa., November 16, 1832, and is a son of Richard and Lydia E. (Wragg) Drinker, and grandson of Henry Drinker.

Edward Drinker, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was the first white child born where the city of Philadelphia now stands. His ancestors were natives of England who came to America about the time of William Penn.

Our subject's great-grandfather, Henry Drinker, resided in Philadelphia all his life and was cashier of the Bank of North America of that city. He was united in marriage to Mary Howell and they reared a large family of children. He passed from this life about 1830. Henry Drinker, Jr., grandfather of our subject, purchased a tract of 25,000 acres of land in Luzerne County, which was taken care of by his two sons, Henry W., and Richard, the father of our subject.

Richard Drinker studied law and was admitted to the bar at Philadelphia; he and his brother Henry received a charter for the railroad from Great Bend to the Delaware River, now known as the D., L. & W. R. R. They also built fifty miles of turnpike in Luzerne County. Richard served over twenty years as justice of the peace; he was a large landowner and in 1846 bought a farm near the town of Bloomsburg, now known as the Troup farm. In 1854 he moved to Scranton, Pa., where he remained until his death, which occurred in November, 1861. He was wedded to Lydia E. Wragg, a daughter of John Wragg, a native of England who came to America about the time of the French Revolution; he was captured and was thrown into prison for a long time and upon his release located in Luzerne County, Pa. Later he moved west to Beloit, Wis., where he died at

the age of ninety years. To Mr. and Mrs. Drinker were born the following children: Richard W., Eliza M., Edward R., Francis P., Alfred C., Rebecca H., Charles N., and Mary A.

Francis P. Drinker was educated in the Bloomsburg Academy. In 1846 he accepted a position as bookkeeper and superintendent of the Bloomsburg Iron Company; he remained in the employ of that company until 1888 when he retired from active life. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, 6th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., for a term of three years. Later he was attached to Anderson's Cavalry, and at the battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., he was taken a prisoner by Wheeler's Cavalry; after being in their hands a short time, and being stripped of his uniform, he was paroled and turned loose to do the best he could. He was stricken by typhoid fever after being in Nashville, Tenn., and was in a hospital for some time. He finally reached his regiment and was discharged in 1863; he re-enlisted in the Emergency Militia, served a short time and was discharged in 1863. Mr. Drinker was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mary Chamberlin, a daughter of John M. Chamberlin of Bloomsburg. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Drinker, as follows: Martha C., who is the wife of E. N. Perrin and they have one child, Edwin O.; William W., a civil engineer in the employ of the D., L. & W. R. R., who resides at Scranton; Margaret, wife of W. P. Meigs of Bloomsburg, and they are the parents of one child, Margaret; and Francis P., Jr., a draftsman in the car-shops of Bloomsburg.

Our subject resides in his beautiful home at No. 211 Main street, which he built in 1886. In politics he is independent; in 1892 he was elected president of the town of Bloomsburg, and was re-elected to the same office at the

following two elections. Religiously Mr. Drinker is a member of the Episcopal Church, although he was reared a Quaker. Socially he is a member of the P. O. S. of A.

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**A**NDREW D. ROBERTSON, a business man who is of high standing among his fellow-citizens of Shamokin, is a son of Andrew Robertson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and Phoebe (Barlow) Robertson, and was born July 31, 1853, in New Philadelphia, Schuylkill County, Pa.

Up to the age of ten years our subject attended the public schools at his birthplace, and at that age he started out to earn something on his own account, going to work at the Eagle Hill Colliery near Port Carbon, which was then conducted by his father and Thomas Beddall. Our subject worked as a slate-picker for some time until his father removed to Pottsville. Young Andrew attended the public schools in Pottsville for a short time and then went to Mill Creek where he worked in and about the mines in the summer and later attended the select schools in West Chester until he reached the age of seventeen years. He then returned to Pottsville and entered the Washington Iron Works in which he worked for three years, learning the machinist's trade under the direction of James Wren. After learning his trade Mr. Robertson migrated to Mahanoy City where he entered the employ of his uncle, Daniel Barlow, who ran a wholesale flour and feed business, remaining with Mr. Barlow until 1875 when he removed to Ralston. At Ralston he was in the employ of his father and Alexander Fulton, who then were mining coal under a large contract with the McIntyre

Coal Company, our subject being bookkeeper for the firm. Subsequently our subject returned to Mahanoy City and engaged in the flour and feed business in which he was very successful and which he continued until April, 1880. He then removed to Excelsior where he became assistant superintendent of the Excelsior Colliery, of which his father, Andrew Robertson, was part owner and superintendent. He subsequently took an interest in the company and continued as its assistant superintendent. He is also assistant superintendent of the Corbin Colliery which has long been operated in connection with the Excelsior Colliery.

In 1882 Mr. Robertson purchased the interest of Nathan J. Robertson, now deceased, who owned a flour mill in Shamokin and conducted the business successfully for about a year when the firm became Robertson & Parmley. This firm occupied the present mill property, a three-story brick structure, 40 by 75 feet, which was erected by our subject's father. The firm also has a grain elevator in the rear of the flour mill which is 100 by 35 feet. The capacity of the mill is 100 barre's of flour per day. In 1887 the firm became Robertson, Parmley & Co., and a year later became Robertson & Osler as it is to-day, Mr. Parmley retiring.

An active man of great energy, our subject has devoted much of his time and talents to local enterprises to which his business ability and energetic direction have been of great benefit. Mr. Robertson is secretary and treasurer of the Elkhorn Coal & Coke Company of Mayberry, W. Va., of which he was one of the incorporators, and has held those offices since the organization of the company. The company operates mines in the famous Flat Top or Pocahontas region of West Virginia, which were opened in 1888. The







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company was one of the first operators to ship coal through the Mill Creek Tunnel. The Pocahontas coal is known as the best steam-producing coal mined and it is used by the Cramps, the noted shipbuilders, on all vessels which are being tested or are tried for speed. Our subject is a director of the Shamokin Coal & Coke Co.; a stockholder in the Booth-Bowen Coal & Coke Co. of West Virginia; vice-president of the Shamokin Powder Co.; a stockholder in the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Shamokin; and a stockholder in and vice-president of the First National Bank of Shamokin.

Mr. Robertson is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin of which he is an active member.

In May, 1882, Mr. Robertson took as his life-partner Clara A. Heffner, daughter of Charles Heffner of Pottsville, Pa., and to them have been born two children: Chester Kingsley, who is at home; and Mary Margaret, deceased.

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**M**ATTHIAS CRONINGER, who is recognized and greatly admired by his fellow-citizens as one of the most enterprising men in Shamokin, is a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Kretz) Croninger, and was born January 18, 1846, in Germany. With a common school education Mr. Croninger started out to win success and fortune, beginning his active career at an early age as a slatepicker in a coal-breaker, then working as a miner of coal, and by assiduous effort and perseverance he worked to the top and to-day is one of Shamokin's most prosperous and energetic leaders in business.

The father of our subject, Jacob Croninger, was a native of Germany, who came to the United States when a young man, located at

Tremont, Schuylkill County, and subsequently resided at Trevorton, Northumberland County. He responded promptly to the call for troops soon after the breaking out of the Rebellion and was killed at Reams Station, Va. His family subsequently moved to the vicinity of Shamokin, and his mother is a resident of that town.

After attending the public schools our subject, when quite young in years, obtained employment as a slatepicker and later as a miner, working in the mines in the vicinity of Shamokin for about sixteen years. Determined to be something more than a miner, Mr. Croninger abandoned the work beneath the hills and learned the trade of butchering, and eventually went into business on his own account as a butcher. Then he again followed the bent of his ambition and became a drover, buying cattle and shipping them to the Eastern markets, continuing as a buyer and seller of cattle for about thirteen years. In 1892 our subject resumed business as a butcher and re-established his individual market, which has so grown in proportions and trade that it is now one of the largest and leading commercial interests of Shamokin. In 1893 Mr. Croninger associated himself with the Shamokin Packing Company, and the firm now consists of Holden Chester and our subject, who manages the live-stock branch of the immense business. It is estimated that the business of the company averages about \$1,000 per day. In addition to looking after his department of the packing concern, our subject also conducts his personal business, which occupies an extensive plant on West Walnut street, consisting of a slaughter-house, shop and a modern equipment with which is manufactured artificial ice.

Our subject is a Democrat and has been active in the interests of the party in whose

principles he is an enthusiastic believer. His popularity was forcibly demonstrated in 1884 when he was the nominee of his party for county treasurer and was defeated by a majority of 300 votes. Mr. Croninger frequently has served as delegate to local conventions and he has been overseer of the poor and a councilman. He is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., and also is prominent as a member of the local tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

Twice has our subject entered the matrimonial relation. He first was united to Amanda Leahmy, who bore him five children, one dying when young. The surviving children are: Frederick, who is with his father, and three daughters, each happily married and residing in Shamokin, as follows: Jennie, the wife of Lewis Erieg; Annie, wife of Roy Bixler; and Sadie, wife of Jesse Bird. Mr. Croninger's second marriage was to Mrs. Mary Rausch, nee Mary Herrold, and to them have been born two children, Rosa and Jesse.

Mr. Croninger's portrait, executed from a recent photograph, taken expressly for this work, appears on a preceding page.

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**C**HARLES E. HAZEN is section foreman on the Eagles Mere Railroad and performs his work in such manner as to win the respect and confidence of his superior officers. Our subject is truly one of the self-made men of the village of Sonestown, and his worldly possessions are the result of his own perseverance and untiring energy. He was born near his present home in Sullivan County, January 25, 1868, and is a son of William C. and Lydia (Whitaker) Hazen, a grandson of John F. Hazen, and a great-grandson of Thomas Hazen.

John F. Hazen was a millwright by trade in Davidson township, Sullivan County, and was the founder of this well-known family in the county. He was the father of the following children: Jacob A.; George; William C., the father of our subject; Charles; Hannah; Lucinda; and Mary Ann. John F. Hazen learned the trade of a mill-wright and carpenter of his father and he erected nearly all the mills in the vicinity at that time, and many of them are still in operation. He spent his latter days at Hughesville, Pa., and died there at an advanced age. He was the progenitor of nine children, namely: Elizabeth; Catherine; Leah; Sally; Jane Ann; William C.; John N.; and George and James, deceased.

William C. Hazen is a retired and much respected citizen of Sonestown and has pursued various vocations throughout his active days, and was born at Hughesville, March 16, 1838. He was united in marriage with Sarah Whitaker, a daughter of William and Lydia (Little) Whitaker; her father was a large land-owner of Sullivan County and was a farmer; his farm is now the property of A. T. Armstrong. A family of eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hazen, namely: George B., who married Minnie Weed by whom he reared a family of five children: Stella Belle, who is the wife of Thomas Houseknecht, and five children blessed their home, Pearl, Blanche, Cressie, Amy, and Emmens; Charles and Thomas, deceased; John Franklin; William B.; Walter; and Harry.

Charles E. Hazen attended the public schools of his native town and his remaining boyhood days were spent in assisting his father about the homestead thus acquiring a good education in the art of farming. Leaving home after attaining manhood he entered the employ of the W. & N. B. R. R. as fore-



man of this section of the railroad and occupied that position some three months, but was in the road's employ eight years, when in July, 1898, he accepted a like position on the Eagles Mere Railroad. Our subject commands the respect both of the men of whom he has charge and of the citizens of the community who recognize him as a man of sterling worth. He purchased the Robert Whitaker property, which consists of a good house and one acre of land, and has remodeled the house into a handsome home.

Mr. Hazen was joined in hymeneal bonds to Carrie B. Phillips, a daughter of Griffin Phillips, a prominent farmer of Davidson township, and to this happy union one son has been born, Kenneth George, born March 28, 1898. Fraternally Mr. Hazen is a member and past president of the P. O. S. of A.; religiously he and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Church. Politically our subject is an unwavering Democrat and although he takes an active part in local politics he has never sought a public office, but in 1897 he served as supervisor.

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**M**ATTHEW KEAR WATKINS, cashier of the First National Bank of Mount Carmel, is a man of much business ability and energy, ever ready to give encouragement and his best efforts to an enterprise which has for its purpose the general advancement of the town which he adopted as his home and in which he is recognized as an energetic and public-spirited leader. Few enterprises have been inaugurated in Mount Carmel which have not had the benefit of Mr. Watkins' rare business ability and have not profited by his influence and guidance.

Our subject is a son of James and Mary A.

(Kear) Watkins, natives of Wales, and was born June 11, 1851, in Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pa., soon after the emigration of his parents from Wales to this country. His ancestors on the paternal side may be traced back to Welsh origin and those on the maternal side to English root. The father of our subject was born in South Wales in 1793 and was reared in that country. He came to the United States in 1851 and located in Minersville, Pa., where he resided until his death in 1861. The grandfather of Mr. Watkins on the maternal side, Matthew Kear, was a native of England, where he remained during his lifetime. The Kear family were among the early settlers in Minersville, where they were coal operators. James and Mary Watkins reared five children, as follows: Ann; Mrs. Robert Wilson; William; Lizzie; and Matthew Kear, the subject of our sketch.

After attending the public schools of Minersville, our subject, at the age of fourteen years, started out to earn a living and to make his way through the world. He began as a messenger boy for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and while working in that capacity for a year he studied hard and also learned to operate and rapidly acquired the art of telegraphy. He was appointed operator at the Philadelphia & Reading station at Ashland and subsequently, in 1871, was transferred to Mount Carmel as station and ticket agent of the railroad, which position he successfully and satisfactorily filled for five years. In 1875 he engaged in business as a stationer, dealing also in books, newspapers, etc., and doing a good business, in which he continued until November, 1878. Determined to remain active and to make headway, Mr. Watkins, in 1879, added to his business as a stationer that of newspaper publisher, purchasing the Mount Carmel Progress, which was



founded in December, 1877, by Owen Fowler, and was the pioneer newspaper of Mount Carmel borough. He altered the name of the journal, renaming it the Mount Carmel News, and also enlarging it. In 1881 the paper was further enlarged and E. E. White assumed the editorship, thus relieving Mr. Watkins of many duties to which he scarcely could give the attention he desired because of the increase in his original business as well as the gratifying prosperity of his venture as a newspaper publisher. In 1882 Mr. Watkins purchased the entire plant of the Gloucester City Tribune of Gloucester, N. J., and removed it to Mount Carmel, thus materially increasing his facilities and demonstrating his enterprise. Mr. White bought an interest in the paper in 1883, and for four years the News was published by Watkins & White. In 1887 Mr. Watkins retired from the firm, his place being taken by R. J. Wilson, who was associated in the publication of the News with Prof. White for some time, and finally bought the business, which he yet controls. Mr. Watkins conducted his stationery business until 1889, when he sold it and took an active part in organizing the First National Bank of Mount Carmel, which opened its doors for business on April 8, 1889, with a capital of \$50,000 and seventy-four stockholders, embracing the principal business men of the borough. Mr. Watkins was elected cashier of the bank and he has ever since occupied the position, so ably managing the affairs of the institution that the directors have insisted that he continue to preside over the very important duties which fall to him as the active executive of the bank. Upon its organization the officers of the bank were as follows: President, E. C. Tier; vice-president, John T. B. Gould; cashier, M. K. Watkins, our subject; directors, William A. Phillips, George W. Davis,

John T. B. Gould, M. K. Watkins, E. C. Tier, Bernard Harvey, S. E. Bergstresser, L. W. Johnson, E. C. Herb, William McFee, Sr., and William H. Heaton. The present officers of the bank are: President, E. C. Tier; vice-president, George W. Davis; cashier, M. K. Watkins; directors, E. C. Tier, M. K. Watkins, George W. Davis, S. E. Bergstresser, William McFee, Sr., William Kiefer, J. H. Smith and H. T. John.

Mount Carmel is notable as the first town in the world to have electricity as artificial light. This was brought about by the organization of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, in the formation of which Mr. Watkins was very active. The company was incorporated November 17, 1883, with a capital of \$16,000. In 1890 the company was reorganized and its capital increased to \$25,000, and Mr. Watkins, who was its secretary upon its organization, was elected president. Under his vigorous management the plant was removed to its present site and its capacity considerably increased within a brief period. Originally the plant had a capacity of 500 lights, which has been constantly increased until the present capacity is something over 2,500 lights. Our subject was the first secretary of the Mount Carmel Water Company, which also was incorporated on the same day as the Electric Illuminating Company, and he is now its treasurer. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Building & Loan Association, of which he has been secretary since its formation, a period of about nineteen years.

Religiously, our subject is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mount Carmel, of which he is a trustee. Politically Mr. Watkins is a Republican and has served as a member of the board of school directors and he was president of the borough council

for three years. He is an influential Republican and always takes an active part in furthering the interests of his party and his friends. Our subject is a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M., of the Chapter, R. A. M.; a Knight Templar; a member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 630, I. O. O. F., and of the Royal Arcanum.

Twice has Mr. Watkins entered the marriage relation. He was first united to Sarah J., daughter of the late Richard Curnow, a pioneer coal operator of Mount Carmel. Four children were the fruit of the union: James Marshall; Shirley S.; Matthew K.; and Richard Vivian. Mrs. Watkins was a most lovable woman, was prominent in the M. E. Church of Mount Carmel, and was beloved for her many excellent qualities of mind and heart by all who knew her. She died December 27, 1889. As his second wife Mr. Watkins married Helen M. White of Baltimore, Md., and to them has been born one child, Genevieve Elizabeth.

Mr. Watkins is an extensive owner of real estate. He is the largest stockholder in the electric light and other corporations with which he is connected.

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**J**AMES P. MILLER, superintendent of the Trust Company Tannery at Muncy Valley, Sullivan County, was born in Bradford County, Pa., in 1847. He is a son of William and Huldah (Wells) Miller who lived in Bradford County, Pa.

William Miller, father of the subject of this sketch, was a progressive and well-to-do farmer, and James P. was given the advantages of the public schools at Newville, Cumberland County. Being naturally a studious boy, by diligent application to his studies he built a good foundation for the busy life which has since marked his progress.

Upon completing the course of studies prescribed at the Newville schools he engaged in teaching, which calling he zealously followed for six years. He then engaged in clerking at Williamsport and Chamouni, after which he located in Muncy Valley to take up the duties of the important position of superintendent of the L. A. Robinson tannery at that place. This manufacturing enterprise was organized by L. R. Bump who was succeeded by L. A. Robinson of Middle Valley, N. Y., in 1876, who in turn sold the business to D. T. Stephens & Son in 1877; later the U. S. Leather Company or Union Tanning Company, as the firm was known at different periods, assumed control, and the business is directed now by the Trust Company estate.

The tannery is known as the Muncy Valley Tannery all over the state and is one of the largest of its kind in this section, employing upwards of one hundred men and using twenty-one leaches per week with ten tons of bark to the leach. Mr. Miller's duties include the keeping of the books and the general supervision of the men and teams employed and the many hundred tons of bark that are used in tanning the yearly output of leather.

So well has our subject performed his various duties that he has kept his position through all the changes which have taken place, giving entire satisfaction to the various owners and employees; thus the merit of his work has secured for him his position and is the most powerful factor in helping him to maintain it.

Our subject was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Perry O. Johnson of Sullivan County, Pa. Eight children blessed this union, as follows: Maud; Myrtle; Ernest; Blanche; Ralph; Jamie; and Donald. Thrice has the Grim Messenger entered our subject's home and

robbed it of a cherished jewel. The summons came to Mabel when ten years old; then to Ernest, aged five; and last, to Ralph at the age of four.

Politically our subject is an Independent Democrat. He is postmaster, which position he has held since Cleveland's first administration. He is a devout Christian and worships in the M. E. Church in which he is steward.

DR. JOHN W. BEALOR, a successful practitioner of Shamokin, Coal township, who has reached the pinnacle of fame in his profession, is the distinguished subject of this personal history. He was born March 19, 1854, in Perry County, Pa., and is a son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Weibley) Bealor, and grandson of John Bealor of Berks County, whose sole vocation was farming, and who removed to Perry County with his father, Mark Bealor, great-grandfather of our subject.

Mark Bealor was formerly a resident of Germany, but immigrated to America and located in Berks County, afterward in Perry County, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He is credited with having rendered valuable service to our country in the Mexican War.

Benjamin F. Bealor, father of our subject, was born in Perry County, Pa., and the greater part of his life was spent in pursuing the same occupation followed by his father and grandfather before him, but his health failed and caused him to quit farming and remove to Virginia in the hope of benefiting his health by the change. This change, however, did not restore his health, and later on he returned to Philadelphia, where he lived a retired life until the autumn of 1897, when he laid down the burden of life and entered into eternal rest. He was a firm believer in the doctrines of the

Reformed Church and took an active interest in all church affairs, serving as a deacon of the church for a number of years. He advocated the principles of Democracy and took an active part in local politics; was deeply interested in all work of his party, and served as overseer of the poor for two terms.

Our subject is one of a family of twelve children, seven girls and five boys; he was educated in the public schools and in the Bloomfield Academy, from which he graduated in 1873. He then began the study of medicine under G. A. Richardson, as preceptor, in Newport, Perry County, after which he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, from which he graduated with high honors in 1876, and at once proceeded to Ellittsburg, Perry County, where he opened an office and entered into the practice of his profession. He soon was enjoying a lucrative practice, which he continued for four years, when he removed to Shamokin, where he is engaged in active and successful practice. In connection with his office he owns a large drug-store and handles not only his own drugs, but sells pure drugs to the public and fills prescriptions for other less fortunate physicians. His years of medicinal and surgical experience have made him cool, collected and practical in treating critical cases, and have given him an enviable record as one of the leading physicians of the town.

Dr. Bealor was united in marriage with Mary C. Albert and six children have been added to their home, namely: Benjamin; Florence E.; Quilla E.; Henry Mark; Helen Mary; and John Watt, who died when only two years old. Our subject is a valued member of the Northumberland Medical Society; also belongs to Washington Camp, No. 178, P. O. S. of America, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.



JACOB H. REED, justice of the peace in Mount Carmel and one of its best known and most popular residents, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Eastern Pennsylvania. He is a son of John B. and Catharine (De Freighn) Reed, and was born June 21, 1857, in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pa.

The grandfather of our subject, Jacob Reed, was a son of Thomas Reed, a native of Schuylkill County, but early removed to Pottsville, being among the first settlers in that town. He was a Whig politically, and soon after settling in Pottsville was elected a justice of the peace. He was twice re-elected and, having served three terms, was entitled according to the law which then prevailed to the office for his lifetime. He held the office for about fifty-five years, performing the duties thereof up to within ten days of his death. When he located at Pottsville the hamlet was in the midst of wild country, and family tradition has handed down a very interesting story of an encounter, which Jacob had with a panther, in which he narrowly escaped being killed. The grandfather took an active part in the construction of the Schuylkill Canal, and for a number of years ran a line of boats on it. His wife was Rebecca Bittle, and to them were born these children: Rebecca, who married Jacob Bittle, a widower, now living in Ashland at the age of about eighty years; Mary Ann, who was the wife of Quill Marsh, now deceased, and who now resides in Northampton County; Morgan, deceased, who was a justice of the peace in Pottsville for several years; George H., who was a breaker contractor and who died when a comparatively young man; and Tillie, deceased. Jacob Reed spent the latter part of his life in Williamsport, Pa., where he served as alderman for twenty-

five years, and was quite prominent in politics and business.

John B. Reed, father of the subject of this sketch, was a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Bittle) Reed, and was born in what is now Minersville, Schuylkill County, April 16, 1819. He was reared and educated in his native county and went into the mines when quite young and followed mining in its various branches for forty years as miner and superintendent of collieries. He resided at St. Clair, Schuylkill County, for fifteen years, during ten of which he was justice of the peace. On the breaking out of the Rebellion Mr. Reed enlisted, in July, 1861, in Company A, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was commissioned by Gov. Curtin as quartermaster, ranking as lieutenant. He had served eighteen months in that capacity when he was informed by a superior officer that no such rank in the army discipline existed and that, in reality, he had no official title. Mr. Reed returned to his home, and after a few days' rest returned to his troop with a bona fide commission as regimental quartermaster, acting in that capacity until the troop re-enlisted in 1864, when he was detailed as chief clerk in the quartermaster-general's department. Mr. Reed was captured by the Rebels and was held a prisoner for twenty days in the celebrated Andersonville Prison, escaping from it and returning to his headquarters. He was never wounded, but his nose was broken by a sabre cut. He was a thorough business man and excellent penman and during his service in the army was detailed much of the time to important clerical work. He was clerk in the commissary department under Gen. Thomas of Ohio, and after the close of the great struggle remained with that officer for a year at Nashville, Tenn., winding up the accounts of the department. During the war, vouchers re-



ceived by Thomas H. Rickert, a quartermaster now residing at Pottsville, Pa., which showed that \$25,000 had been disbursed properly, were captured by the enemy. The loss was of vital importance, as subsequently developed, for twenty-five years after the war ended the government sought to recover the sum from Mr. Rickert, alleging that no vouchers existed showing that he had disbursed the money. Fortunately Mr. Reed was alive and Mr. Rickert was able to communicate with him. Mr. Reed was a witness in behalf of Mr. Rickert and he testified to having made out the reports of the disbursing of the large sum and forwarded them to the secretary of war, thus substantiating the claims of his former superior officer. Upon the testimony of Mr. Reed, the case was dismissed by the judge before whom it was heard without being given to the jury.

Upon his discharge from the army, in September, 1865, and after his service in Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Reed returned to Mount Carmel and resumed mining operations. He was superintendent at several mines in the vicinity of Mount Carmel. In 1879 he removed to Mahanoy City, where he was actively engaged as mine superintendent for over three years. He then returned to Mount Carmel, where he continued mining operations until his death, on Feb. 18, 1890. In politics Mr. Reed was a Republican. He was a candidate for clerk of the quarter sessions at Schuylkill early in the 50's and was defeated by but one vote. He served as a justice of the peace in Mount Carmel at different periods, about twenty years in all. He was the first secretary of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 378, F. & A. M., and was once vice-president of the supreme body of the P. O. S. of A. of this state. He was an ardent member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Reed was the first free-school teacher in

Schuylkill County, and second burgess of Mount Carmel. The father of our subject was twice married. His first wife was Catharine De Freighn, who bore him eight children, as follows: Emma Eliza, who is Mrs. David Huffman of Shamokin, Pa.; Sarah Jane, unmarried; Mary, wife of John Stahl of Philadelphia; George H., who died in infancy; Rebecca E., the wife of William Curnow of Mount Carmel, and who survives him; Carrie, deceased, who was the wife of William Umpleby; John Edgar, general manager for Collins & Co., railroad contractors; and Kate Irene, who is Mrs. H. P. Helwig and resides in Alexandria, Va. His second wife, Eleanor F. (Teague) Adams, survives him.

The subject of this review, Jacob H. Reed, was educated in the public schools of Mount Carmel. At the age of eleven years he went to work as a slatepicker at a mine with which his father was connected, working steadily except in winter, when he pursued his studies in school. When nineteen years old Jacob determined to seek his fortune and he worked in the mines for some time. Then he secured a position with the Adams Express Company, which he held for about nine years. In 1896 he was elected justice of the peace, which position he now fills with ability and dignity. In politics he is a Republican and has been variously honored by his party. He has frequently been a delegate to county conventions, has served two terms as director of the poor and has held other minor offices.

Mr. Reed is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a leading member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M. He also is a member of Washington Camp No. 116, P. O. S. of A., of Mount Carmel.

On June 21, 1889, our subject married Mary E. Wightman, daughter of Charles Wightman of Mount Carmel. She was for





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several years a teacher in the public schools of Mount Carmel. Their children are: Edith, Estelle, Miriam, John Edgar, and Charles W., Katharine, a younger child, having died in infancy.

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**W**ILLIAM H. R. SMINK, a popular and respected citizen of Shamokin, Pa., a portrait of whom is shown on the preceding page, has the distinction of being proprietor of the largest drug-store in this state, and his retail trade is said to be among the largest of its character in Pennsylvania. Our subject is a son of Daniel C. and Eva Ann (Kaseman) Smink, and was born April 29, 1852, in Shamokin township, near what is known as Blue Church. Mr. Smink's career strikingly illustrates the old belief that perseverance, energy and careful attention to the "little things" win success despite most formidable obstacles.

The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side, Jacob Smink, settled about 1830 in the vicinity of Shamokin or Mahanoy township. He built many of the saw-mills which were erected and operated in the early days when the wilds were slowly but surely cleared for the use of the white settlers.

Daniel C. Smink, father of the subject of this review, was born in Northumberland County, in one of the saw-mills which his father had built. He was reared in the environs of Shamokin, in the woods, and followed carpentry and blacksmithing for many years. He has been for the past forty-five years a resident of Shamokin, where he is a dealer in paints and wall-paper. Mr. Smink was originally a Whig and subsequently allied himself with the Republican party. He served one term as a justice of the peace. The mother of our subject is a granddaughter of Joseph

Kaseman, a native of Germany, who came to this country when eighteen or nineteen years of age. He located near Blue Church and passed his days on a farm. He passed to his final rest in 1866, having reached the rare age of 107 years.

Our subject, W. H. R. Smink, is one of four children, two of whom, Rosalie and Elizabeth, are dead, and the fourth child, Albert H., is a physician in Shamokin. When eight years old the subject of this sketch went into a coal-breaker as a slatepicker. At the age of eleven years he entered the office of the Shamokin Herald to learn the printer's trade, working in the newspaper office until April 14, 1865, when President Lincoln was assassinated, when he was thrown out of work by the closing of the office. After working at odd jobs for some time young Smink went into the general store of Ryer Bros. & Company as a cellar-boy. He worked for the firm five years, during the final two years of his service acting as bookkeeper, which was quite an achievement for one so young, as the store was a large one and the principal business house in the town. For two years William slept in the store, and, being fond of reading, he sought to educate himself by so doing at night after he had finished his labors of the day. His health failed and he was compelled to give up his position. Subsequently, with his father, he put up the first planing-mill in Shamokin and they operated it for a year, when it was burned, wiping out the entire capital possessed by father and son. Compelled again to seek employment, Mr. Smink went to Chambersburg, Pa., where for a year he conducted a toy and confectionery store. He then returned to Shamokin and entered the dry goods store of Leader, Muir & Company, after trying the toy and candy business for a short time, and for two years he was the only clerk in the em-



ploy of the firm. In 1877, on the breaking out of the great strike of railroad men which extended to ten states, including Pennsylvania, Mr. Smink went to Berks County and took charge of a general store in Seisholtzville owned by his father-in-law, Henry Guiterman. He had entire charge of his father-in-law's books, as Mr. Guiterman was principally occupied in looking after iron ore mines in which he was interested. After running the store for six years, upon the death of Mr. Guiterman, our subject was appointed superintendent of the iron ore mines, which position he filled to the satisfaction of the executors of the estate for three years. He then returned to Shamokin in 1883, having studied medicine and pharmacy with Dr. Roth of Seisholtzville, and established a drug-store. He began business as a druggist in a room 9 by 14 feet at the corner of Market and Chestnut streets, and nine months later removed to North Market street, where he occupied a store 16 by 28 feet, which has been replaced by his present large and elegant place of business. In January, 1896, Mr. Smink took into partnership his son, Henry G., and the business is now conducted under the firm name, W. H. R. Smink & Son.

Twice Mr. Smink has entered the marital relation. His first marriage was to Annie L., daughter of Henry Guiterman of Port Carbon, Pa., and to them were born three children: Henry G., Eva K., and Annie L. Mrs. Smink died September 8, 1879. Mrs. Smink's second marriage was on December 24, 1880, to Ella, daughter of Charles Knappenberger of Allentown, Pa., and to them have been born three children: Rosalie; Marion, deceased; and Daniel.

Our subject always has been an active Republican. For two years he served as councilman from the Third Ward, 1891-92, and in

1893 he was elected burgess for a one-year term. The State Assembly then made the term of the office three years and Mr. Smink was again elected and served the term, giving four years of efficient and beneficial labor to his fellow-citizens. During his service as burgess Mr. Smink incessantly worked to secure the paving of streets and he was rewarded by the putting down of three blocks of asphalt pavement. The street improvement urged and started by him has been continued by succeeding administrations. He also was instrumental in bringing about the vote upon the proposition to organize the borough into a city; he also labored zealously to secure proper sewerage facilities and the result was that several miles of sewers were laid in the borough.

Our subject is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, also of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association. He is a Mason of high rank, being a member of Shamokin Lodge No. 255, F. & A. M.; of Shamokin Chapter No. 264, R. A. M.; Mount Moriah Council No. 10, R. S. Ex. and S. M.; and Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S. 32d Degree, A. A. S. R. Since 1869 he has been a member of Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., and he also is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain. He was one of the organizers of the West End Fire Company and has been its treasurer since its organization. He also was a director of the West End Building & Loan Association for many years. Mr. Smink is a member of St. John's Reformed Church of Shamokin.

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**R**EUBEN S. AUCKER, who has been for thirty-four years a resident of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., and is one of the county's most pro-

gressive and wealthy citizens, comes of one of the pioneer families of Snyder County, this state. He is a son of Emanuel and Hannah (Snyder) Aucker, and was born July 6, 1837, in what formerly was Union County and now is Snyder County. By hard work, energy, enterprise and thrift Mr. Aucker built up a business which is one of the best in this county, and he also has been a heavy dealer in real estate and has carefully managed all his business interests.

Emanuel Aucker, father of the subject of this review, was born near Richfield, Pa., in 1805 and was reared there. He removed to Selinsgrove, Snyder County, in 1839 and resided there until his demise in 1892. His active life was spent in farming and in lumbering, he being active in the early development of the lumber industry in his native county. Politically Mr. Aucker was a Democrat and he was a firm believer in the principles of his party, but he never sought or held office. Religiously he was an adherent of the Mennonite faith, and in his character and his career were strongly marked the sturdy, uncompromising traits of the believers in that faith. He was a man of strictest moral habits, honesty and conduct, was temperate, and proudly declared that he never had tasted tobacco.

The grandfather of our subject, on the maternal side, John Snyder, was born about 1787 and was a first cousin to Gov. Snyder of this state, after whom Snyder County was named. The Snyders formed one of the sturdy pioneer families whose influence and activity was felt in many ways in the early stages of the growth and progress of Pennsylvania. The maternal grandmother was also born about 1787, and she died about fifteen years previous to her husband.

Our subject's parents reared a family of thirteen children, two of whom died young.

Curiously enough, for forty years following the demise of the two young children no death record was preserved in the family. Of the survivors of the children Reuben S., our subject, and his brother, Jacob S. Aucker, are the only ones who have been identified with the history and the progress of Shamokin and Northumberland County. The children were as follows: Henry, deceased; Catharine, widow of Samuel Zeigler; Peter and Barbara, deceased; our subject, Reuben S.; Leah, deceased; Annie, widow of Jacob Longaker; Susan; Emanuel, who is a farmer in Snyder County; John, also a farmer in Snyder County; Jacob, a resident of Shamokin and a carpenter by trade, also an undertaker; Malinda, who died young; and Enos, the youngest, who resides in Snyder County, and is a farmer.

In his youth Reuben, our subject, did not have many advantages for securing an education and he was reared on his father's farm. He attended a subscription school for about three months and a free school for twenty-one months, at the same time working in the woods and doing dutifully his part toward supporting the large family and also managing to attend the New Berlin Academy for two months. Reuben also succeeded in learning a trade as a carpenter and a millwright, and, thus reinforced for his struggle with the world, he started out to win his way and removed to Shamokin in 1865, working for some time as a carpenter and builder. A year after reaching Shamokin he started a lumber yard, and his business finally increased so that he built fifty houses in one year. In 1872 Mr. Aucker established a furniture and undertaking business. He carried on that branch of his enterprise until 1888, when he sold it to his brother, Jacob S., and T. H. Paul, both having for some time been in his employ. In February, 1882 our subject organized the firm of

Aucker, Slayman & Co., taking into partnership two of his former workmen, C. J. Slayman and Joseph W. Kessler. This firm erected many of the most substantial and handsome structures in Shamokin, including the Garfield School, the Globe building, St. John's Reformed Church, the large block in which is the dry goods store of its owner, Charles C. Leader, and a large number of private residences, among them those of George O. Martz and C. Q. McWilliams. Mr. Slayman retired from the firm in 1897 owing to poor health.

Well versed in farming and the needs of the prosperous farmer, Mr. Aucker for several years made a study of fertilizers and the best methods of producing good ground, with the result that in April, 1891, he established an individual enterprise, the Shamokin Fertilizing Works, which has a large factory in North Shamokin. This business is growing rapidly and already the trade of the works is very extensive. Mr. Aucker owns three large farms, two in Snyder County and one in Northumberland County, and several smaller farms, and his real estate holdings in Shamokin are very large.

Our subject has given much time and work to some of the important interests of Shamokin. He was one of the organizers of the West Ward Building & Loan Association and has been its president for twenty years. He also was an organizer of the Shamokin Electric Light & Power Company, of which he is a director; an organizer of the Shamokin Electric Street Railway; a director of the Guarantee Safe Deposit & Trust Company; and is interested in several other business enterprises.

Mr. Aucker served as a councilman for four years, from 1866 to 1870, and as a member of the school board for six years. Our subject is an honored member of St. John's

Reformed Church, of which he has been a deacon and elder for twenty-five years, and a teacher in the Sunday School for thirty-three years.

Our subject most appropriately celebrated Christmas Day, 1863, by wedding Mary Wand at Georgetown. Their children have been as follows: Ida M., wife of M. G. Reager, a merchant in Shamokin; Mary Magdalen, Carrie and Kate May, deceased; and Emma Eva and Mary Ellen, who are at the family home.

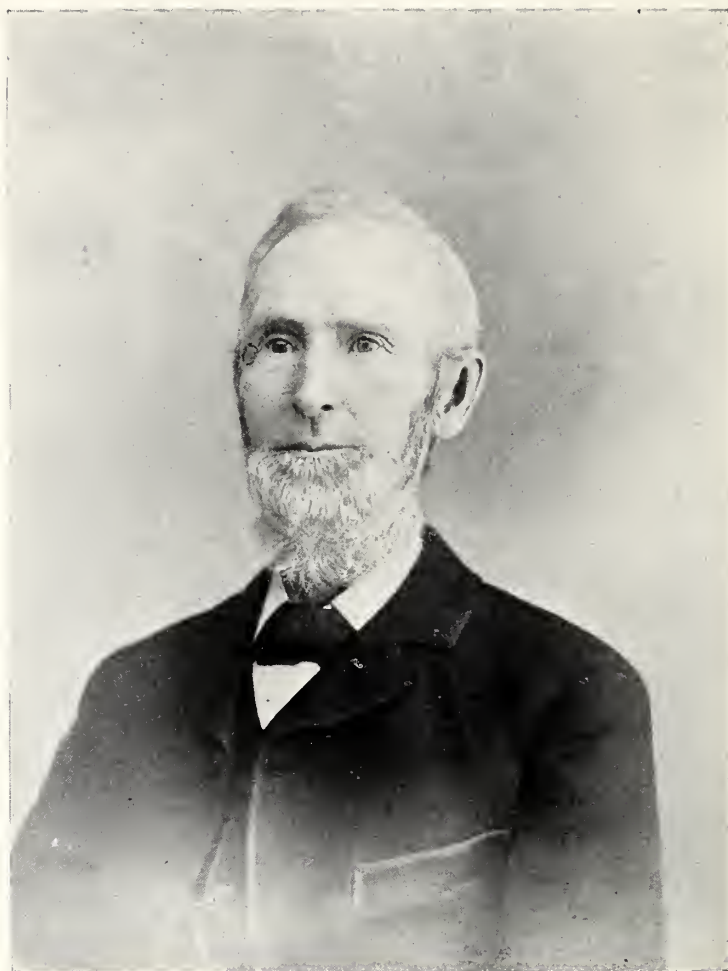
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**H**ENRY F. GLENN. The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of Berwick is one of the largest and best known concerns of its kind in this country and much credit for its success is due its present manager, the subject of this biography. He is a son of Robert and Sarah (Thomas) Glenn, and was born in Philadelphia.

Robert Glenn, father of our subject, died in 1854, and Henry F. is the only surviving member of the family. He was reared and educated in the public schools of Philadelphia. Being of a mechanical turn of mind he took a course of study in mechanical engineering, but later gave up the study and became a clerk in a drygoods store, at which calling he continued until 1870. He then removed to Berwick and entered the employ of Jackson & Woodin as clerk. Two years later the firm was merged into The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and our subject was promoted to the position of secretary, the duties of which he performed in a manner as to gain the approval of his employers. He was soon after rewarded for his faithfulness and the interest he took in the welfare of the company by being made manager. He was







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also general manager of the Berwick Rolling Mills until it was consolidated with The Jackson & Woodin Company, and served as its treasurer for one year. He possesses not only the respect of the men under his supervision, but is held in high esteem by all with whom he is acquainted, both in business and private life. He is also deeply interested in the growth and development of Berwick and actively supports all enterprises which will in any way be of benefit to the town. He uses his influence to elevate the standard of education and has served on the board of education for six years. He is also one of the directors of the Nescopeck Bridge Company.

Mr. Glenn was united in marriage to Mary B. Young, a daughter of Rev. Jared Young, and their happy union has been blessed by the birth of six children: Jesse, a mechanical engineer and a graduate of Cornell University; Elizabeth, who is in attendance at a college for young ladies at Baltimore, Md.; Edwin, a student of Cornell University; Annie, who is attending school at home; Robert, also a student at Berwick; and Mary, who died in infancy. In religious views the family adheres to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. ANDREW M. LOWRY. To be able to look back to a quarter of a century spent in good works is indeed an enviable record, and such is the privilege of the subject of this sketch, Rev. Andrew M. Lowry, a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church, residing in Watson-town, who was born in Turbot township, Northumberland County, Pa., June 21, 1820. He attended the public schools of his native town and then took a classical course at McEwensville Academy, under the able ministra-

tions of Dr. Shedden. He afterwards attended Lafayette College of Easton, Pa., which was presided over by Dr. Junken, who was so highly thought of by his pupils that upon his resignation of the presidency of Lafayette, to accept the same office in Washington College now known as Lee University of Lexington, Va., he was accompanied to that institution by several of his scholars, among whom was our subject, who was graduated from that college in June, 1850. He then took a three-years' course in theology at Princeton Seminary and afterwards spent one year in evangelistic work. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Northumberland and received his first call from Port Carbon, Schuylkill County, Pa. He accepted the call and for twenty-one years and six months labored faithfully in the "vineyard of our Lord." He was most successful in his work, and not only remodeled the church, but enlarged its membership most materially during his years of occupancy. Though the spirit was willing the flesh was weak, and much against his own and his parishioners' wishes our subject was obliged, reluctantly, to retire from active work on account of his health, which had failed him from the arduous labor performed in the faithful discharge of his duties.

Remembering fondly the lovely spot in which he was born, the beautiful valley of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, Rev. Mr. Lowry decided to spend his declining years in that vicinity, and built a fine residence in Watson town at the corner of Main and Fifth streets, where he and his two sisters now reside.

Our subject's grandfather, Samuel Lowry, was born in Ireland, and was, as is his grandson, a devout Presbyterian. He came to America and married Elizabeth McClenathan; they settled in Columbia County, Pa., where

they successfully followed farming life until they died, each being eighty years of age. They were the parents of five children: Margaret, who married a Mr. Maxwell; Sarah, wife of James Sheep; Ellen; James M.; and Samuel, who inherited the homestead.

James M. Lowry, the father of our subject, worked on the homestead until he had laid by enough money to start in for himself. This he did by purchasing a tract of land near Dewart, Turbot township, Pa., which is still owned by the Lowry family. There our subject's father cleared the land and built a fine set of buildings, which, remodeled for present requirements, will stand contrast with more recent buildings very creditably, thus showing the substantial, honest manner in which they were built, and also the trait of character in both father and son, which caused all their work to be done thoroughly and well. James M. Lowry was a practical and successful farmer and reaped the reward of his hard work in plenty of well-tilled land and a comfortable bank account. Still, all of his life was not passed in the peaceful pursuits of a farmer, for he served honorably toward the close of the War of 1812 at Black Rock, near Buffalo, N. Y., on the Niagara Frontier. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and served as trustee of same. He married Sarah Laird, daughter of Matthew Laird of Union County, Pa. Their marriage was blessed with the following children: Elizabeth, the widow of Samuel McKean; Andrew M.; Margaret, who married Joseph G. Durham, both now deceased; Samuel, who married Nancy Nesbit, both now deceased; Sarah, the wife of David McGuire, both now deceased; Matthew, who married Catherine Gauger, both now deceased; Jane and Mary (twins), the former of whom makes her home with our subject,

and the latter of whom is dead; Mary E., who also lives with her brother; and two infants, deceased.

Although our subject has retired from active labors he still carries on the work of the Master in many ways, being always ready to fill a vacancy or to do anything in the line of his profession. Rev. Mr. Lowry is one of whom it may truly be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The publishers of this volume take pleasure in announcing that a portrait of the subject of this biographical notice appears on a preceding page.

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**F**RANCIS W. GALLAGHER. A commodious, modernly-conducted hotel is an absolute essential to the welfare of any enterprising community. Regardless of whatever element of progress in other lines may be possessed, if a village is devoid of ample hotel accommodations for the traveling public in charge of liberal-minded and public-spirited landlords, no community can with reason hope to attain its essential and proper degree of success. In the above class of gentlemen we believe we are justified in according a prominent place to Mr. Gallagher, proprietor of the well-known Gallagher Hotel, which is prominently located in the town of Laporte. This highly-esteemed resident of Laporte is of the sturdy Irish race and was born in Galvery, County Fermanagh, Ireland, June 3, 1862, and is a son of Dennis Gallagher.

Dennis Gallagher was also born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and when a lad of ten years he sailed for the United States, where he hoped to find good fortune, and that he succeeded may be attributed to his own perseverance and untiring energy. Mr. Gallagher



went to Jacksonville, Fla., where he entered the employment of a Mr. Jackson, a large fruit-grower of that city. He was very industrious and by the exercise of economy succeeded in acquiring a small fortune. He then returned to his native land and soon after was wedded to Ann Johnson. They concluded to remain in Ireland and our subject's father purchased a small tract of land and carried on agricultural pursuits; he lived to the age of fifty-nine years. His wife who is yet living is the mother of the following children, most of whom came to the United States during their early years: James, who resides in his native land; Mary Ann, deceased; Sally, also deceased; John, a resident of Potter County, Pa.; William, who resides in the state of Texas; Hugh, who lives in Boston, Mass.; Francis W., our subject; Catherine and Dennis, also in Boston; Patrick, a prominent resident of Laporte; and Thomas, who lives in Scotland.

Our subject attended the district school and while a lad served an apprenticeship to the glass-making trade. In 1879 he came to the United States, found employment in a tanyard, and followed tanning until 1893; he worked at that vocation in the following places: Stoneham, Brookton, Sterling Run, Muncy Valley, Hillsgrove, and Laporte, Pa. In 1893 he purchased the King property, which was then a large frame building used for store purposes and rebuilt it into a restaurant and hotel, where he immediately won the respect and confidence of the people. After the burning of the Laporte Hotel in 1898 our subject purchased the ground and barns, and has erected a handsome three-story hotel, 50 by 52 feet; on two sides of the building is a large veranda; when all improvements have been completed the hotel will have both hot and cold water and all other mod-

ern improvements, including steam heat. Mr. Gallagher, in his new hostelry, is able to accommodate the traveling public and also the many families seeking a mountainous resort; the hotel commands a beautiful view of the surrounding mountain scenery.

Mr. Gallagher is a most popular landlord, and has succeeded in building up a trade that is excelled by few others in his section of the county. Our subject is also popular in both social and business circles and takes a great interest in municipal matters, being an ideal public-spirited citizen. He firmly upholds the principles of the Democratic party, has served two terms as burgess, and two terms as chairman of the Democratic county committee. Mr. Gallagher was wedded to Tresa Breaker, a daughter of Charles Breaker of Laporte, and they are the parents of four children: Mary Ann; Emma; William, who passed from this life in 1898, aged four years, and who was one of the favorite children of the borough, his death being deeply mourned by all; and Francis. Religiously Mr. Gallagher and family are prominent members of the Church of Rome.

ALONZO J. SULT is the well-known proprietor of the Berwick Steam Laundry at No. 318 East Front street, Berwick, one of the most successful in Central Pennsylvania. He has not only a large patronage in Berwick, but an established reputation in the principal cities in this section of the state, having a good custom in Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Catawissa, Pittston, Northumberland, and many smaller villages. He is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Geddes) Sult, and was born in Berwick, April 4, 1845.

He is a grandson of Peter Sult, who was born in Northampton County, where he fol-



lowed the trade of a cooper until 1823 when he moved to Berwick, Columbia County. There he followed his trade until his death and was a very prosperous man. He served in the borough council and was supervisor for a number of terms. He was united in marriage to Magdalena Kester, and they reared the following children: James; Stephen, of Lockport, N. Y.; Julia, wife of John Switzer; Mary, wife of David Wagoner; Daniel; Charles of Peoria, Ill.; Sarah, wife of C. A. Becker; Eliza, who married James Hover; and William, a resident of Peoria, Ill. Mr. Sult died at the age of seventy-four years, and his worthy wife was sixty-nine years of age when she closed her eyes in final sleep.

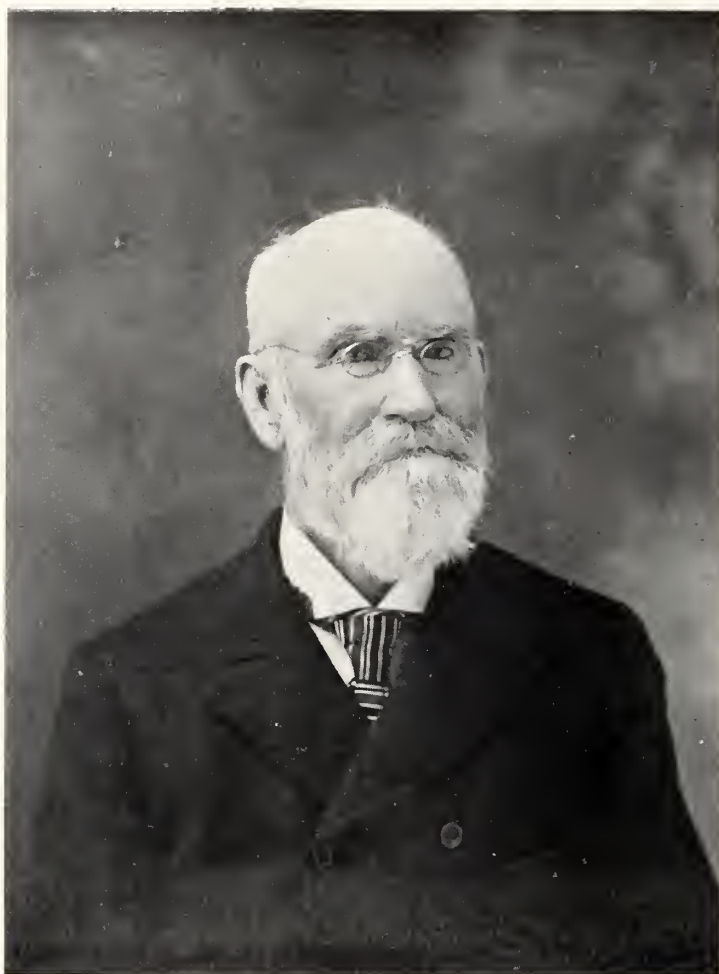
Daniel Sult, father of our subject, was born in Northampton County, Pa., and came to Berwick with his father when young. He was employed as a mechanic by The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, after which he was track manager for the D., L. & W. R. R. from Kingston to Northumberland. He then worked at the carpenter's trade until 1863, when he was employed in the pattern shop of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, continuing until his death, at the age of seventy-four years. He was united in marriage to Catherine Geddes, a daughter of Thomas Geddes, and they were the happy parents of four children: Sarah, who married a Mr. Reichard; Adelia E., deceased; Alonzo J., the subject of this personal history; and Jessie P., deceased.

Alonzo J. Sult received his intellectual training in the public schools of Berwick, after which he learned the trade of a stationary engineer. He was then in the employ of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company for thirty years after which, on January 1, 1893, he became proprietor of the steam

laundry which he has since conducted. The laundry occupies a two-story building, 35 by 43 feet, and is supplied with the latest-improved machinery which enables him to do first-class work in every respect. The plant is heated throughout by steam, and lighted by gas and electric lights. By his courteous and straightforward manner of dealing with every one, Mr. Sult has worked up a good patronage which will compare favorably with any in this section of the state. He employs only skilled workmen and the work turned out is always satisfactory to his customers. He has a comfortable home on the same lot with the laundry, which he has remodeled and supplied with all modern conveniences.

Mr. Sult was united in matrimonial bonds to Nancy J. Boyles, a daughter of James Boyles of Berwick, and they are the happy parents of six children, namely: Walter M., bookkeeper for the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. at Wilkesbarre, Pa., who married Elizabeth Campbell, and they have one daughter, Margaret; Daniel, assistant to his father, who married Ella Brown, by whom he had one son, Alonzo; Lloyd F., a bookkeeper and stenographer for the P. & R. R. at Wilkesbarre, who wedded Elizabeth Stifnagle; William B., a laundryman, who married Ida Berkheimer; Robert E. P., who is a student; and Margaret, the first born, who died at the age of two years. On July 2, 1862, Mr. Sult enlisted in Company H, 84th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., but was discharged October 3, of the same year, owing to an attack of typhoid fever. He again enlisted with Company B, 194th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and received his discharge November 5, 1864. February 7, 1865, he re-enlisted in Company A, 74th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge August 29, 1865. In political views, he classes himself as an





ALEM BRITTON WHITE.

Independent. Socially he is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and the Knights of the Golden Eagle of which he is past chief.

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**A**LEM BRITTON WHITE, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was successfully engaged in the mercantile business in Light Street, Scott township, Columbia County, Pa., for many years, and is now agent for the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad at Light Street. He is a son of Joseph and Lydia Ann (Robbins) White, and was born in Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, May 9, 1833.

The White family is of German extraction. Peter White, the grandfather of our subject, was a prominent agriculturist of Scott township where he resided on a farm near Light Street which is now owned by the widow of H. C. Hartman. He passed to his eternal resting place in 1815 while yet a young man. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Elizabeth Britton by whom he had eight sons and five daughters, a record of whom is here given: Harry, the only surviving member of the family, is a farmer residing in Indiana; Mary Maud married a Mr. Garrison, a farmer of Salem township, Luzerne County; Zebeth, who was a farmer and resided in Michigan; John, who was a farmer and resident of Richland County, Ohio; Joseph; William, who was a farmer on the old homestead; Samuel followed agricultural pursuits in Richland County, Ohio; Peter, who also made his home in Richland County, Ohio; Catherine, who was the wife of Samuel Oman, who was a farmer in Mt. Pleasant township, Columbia County; Sarah, who was the wife of Andrew Melick, also a farmer of Mt. Pleasant township; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Emerson, a farmer of Indiana; Isaac, who was a farmer

and lime-burner of Scott township; and Henry, who was a resident of Indiana.

Joseph White, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead March 15, 1800, and after attaining man's estate went to Pine township where he engaged in tilling the soil and was a very well-to-do farmer. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he was steward and trustee. He passed into the unknown beyond at Iola, Greenwood township, December 2, 1858, aged fifty-eight years. He took the marriage vows twice, his first union being with Lydia Ann Robbins, a daughter of John Robbins, a farmer of Greenwood township, and they became the happy parents of eight children, namely: Sarah C., the wife of John Johnson, a farmer of Greenwood township; Alem Britton, the subject of this biographical sketch; Melissa J., deceased, who married Henry Miller of Watsontown, Northumberland County; John A., a carpenter and mechanic of Richland County, Ohio; Mary E., deceased, who married David Oman of Mt. Pleasant township, Columbia County; Anna A., widow of Samuel White of Fairmont township, Luzerne County; Harriet M., wife of Thomas Wright, a carpenter by trade and a farmer of Greenwood township; and Eliza R., the wife of S. B. Fornwald of Washington, Ind. Mrs. White died December 7, 1835, at the age of thirty-eight years. Joseph's second wife was Deborah Fowler and they reared two children,—Florence P., the wife of N. H. White of Almedia, Columbia County; and Joseph, a merchant of Light Street.

Alem Britton White was reared on the farm and obtained his mental training in the public schools and Greenwood Seminary at Millville, Pa., after which he began teaching school at the age of fifteen years. He taught in the public schools, then for three terms was



assistant in the Bloomsburg High School, and finally, for six months, taught in the Greenwood Seminary. In the spring of 1865 he accepted a clerkship in a store at Bloomsburg where he remained until August when he entered upon the duties of a similar position for H. W. Creasy, a merchant of Light Street, where he remained until April, 1866, when he engaged in the mercantile business on his own account at Ashland, Schuylkill County. He continued in business there until August, 1868, when he returned to Light Street and again clerked for Mr. Creasy until April, 1871, when that gentleman died. Our subject then purchased the general merchandise store of Peter Ent of Light Street and successfully conducted it until 1895 when he retired in favor of his brother Joseph, who has since managed it. Upon the death of Mr. Ent he purchased the property upon which the store is situated and has since owned it. He was also engaged in the lumber, coal and fertilizer business which he still conducts. He was made agent of the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad, when it was opened in 1888 and served as agent for the United States Express Company since it opened business in Light Street in 1892 until June, 1898. He is a man of superior business ability, and has been decidedly successful in all of his business ventures.

On March 23, 1869, our subject was united in marriage to Esther E. Geisinger, a native of Luzerne County and a daughter of the late Samuel Geisinger, by whom he had one daughter who was called home in infancy. They have since adopted a daughter, Bessie, who is living at home. Politically he is a stanch supporter of the Prohibition party. He is a member of Locust Mountain Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ashland, Pa., and of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg.

Religiously he is a member and trustee of the Methodist Church, also superintendent of the Sunday School.

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THE BLOOMSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., is one of the largest and most flourishing schools of its kind in the United States. It catalogues each year something over 600 students and has a faculty of about twenty-eight ladies and gentlemen, graduates of leading colleges, universities and training schools. Each year about 150 young men and women are graduated in the different departments of the school. Its alumni numbers nearly 1,500, and, as may be seen by reference to this list in the catalogue, a remarkably large number of them occupy positions of influence and responsibility in Pennsylvania and other states. The school is one of the best disciplined in the country, while the educational work has been so carefully supervised that a strong corps of university and college-trained teachers has been brought together to form a faculty. As a result, the young men and women graduated in the professional and college preparatory courses are taking high rank among their fellows, and reflecting great credit on their Alma Mater.

The school property attracts much attention, being situated at an elevation of over 150 feet above the Susquehanna. The view from this elevation is almost unrivaled. The river, like a ribbon, edges the plain on the south, and disappears through a bold gorge three miles to the southwest. Rising immediately beyond the river is a precipitous ridge 400 feet high, backed by the majestic Catawissa Mountain. The town lies at the feet of the spectator. Hill and plain, land and water, field and forest, town and country,

manufacture and agriculture, are combined in the varied scene. Fourteen acres of campus afford ample space for lawns and athletic grounds, and include a large and beautiful oak grove, while six large buildings are admirably adapted to their different uses. There is not space here for a complete description of these buildings. Institute Hall is the oldest building (built in 1867), and contains six spacious class-rooms and a beautiful auditorium which occupies the entire second floor. The Model School Building is a handsome two-story building, and is next to Institute Hall. It covers about eighty feet by ninety feet, and contains about twenty-six study and recitation rooms, well ventilated and supplied with light, blackboard surface, and the most improved furniture. The Dormitory is four stories high and was originally in the form of an inverted T, having a frontage of 162 feet and an extension of seventy-five feet. Extending toward the river from the L is a wing 104 by 40 feet in dimensions, thus: L. The North End Addition, while connected with the dormitory described above, is a distinct four-story building, 130 by 50 feet in size. The Gymnasium is 90 by 45 feet in size, and is one of the handsomest and best to be found. The Employees' Dormitory is about 40 by 70 feet, three stories high, with a basement which contains the laundry. The top floor is fitted up as an infirmary.

The school was originally called the Bloomsburg Literary Institute and was opened and dedicated in 1867. In 1868 a proposition was made to the board of trustees by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. J. P. Wickersham, to organize the school into a state normal school. After much heated discussion, the board of trustees passed the following resolution: "Resolved that the trustees of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute

agree to establish in connection with the same a state normal school under the Act of the 2d of May, 1857, and to procure the grounds and put up the necessary buildings, etc." It will be seen by this resolution that none of the functions of the Literary Institute were canceled when it became a normal school. The charter name is "The Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School," and the courses of study originally provided for the Institute are still maintained, according to the terms of the original agreement with the Commonwealth. As a consequence of this action the school is perhaps different from other normal schools in that it prepares more students for college, and maintains courses in both vocal and instrumental music. The work of the Institute has not in any way interfered with the training of teachers. In fact, the necessity of keeping well-trained instructors in the sciences, languages, mathematics, history, and literature to comply with the advanced requirements of the Literary Institute, has provided better instruction in the elements of these branches for students in the normal department. The school at all times has at least 125 representatives in the various colleges and universities.

The first principal of the school was Prof. Henry Carver, who held the position until 1871. He was an excellent disciplinarian and organizer and had the happy faculty of inspiring young people to make the most of themselves. After his withdrawal from the principalship, the school passed through a financial struggle that is best described in the words of Col. John G. Freeze, in his "History of Columbia County," as follows:

"The very large amount of money required, the falling off of subscribers, the want of prompt payment of those which were good, the talk of those who were not in sympathy

with the movement, were all discouraging circumstances. The trustees were therefore obliged to assume personally the cost of carrying on the work. They have had upon themselves at one time, as a personal obligation, more than \$20,000. Repairs, expenditures, and deficiencies to the amount of from \$1,000 to \$3,000 annually, have been provided for by them, on their personal responsibility. They have given days and nights to the business of the school, they have borne, for the public and general good, burdens which no man in the town has struggled under in his own business. When state aid came slowly or not at all, when subscriptions failed, when the daily pressure of debts was almost unbearable, the trustees shouldered the work and accepted the responsibility."

The second principal of the school was the well-known lawyer, Charles G. Barkley, Esq., who accepted the position temporarily and on condition that he would be relieved as soon as possible. His principalship extended only from December 20, 1871, to March 27, 1872, but a marked improvement in the school in all respects was apparent at the time of his resignation, and the trustees would have been glad to retain him at the head of the institution. He is at present, and has been for years, one of the leading trustees of the school, being chairman of the committee on instruction and discipline.

Mr. Barkley's successor was Rev. John Hewitt, rector of the Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, who held the position until the end of the school year in June, 1873. Improvement continued, but still the income did not meet expenses and the struggles of the board of trustees continued. Mr. Hewitt was succeeded by Rev. T. L. Griswold, who continued as principal until June, 1877. Under his administration the school first paid ex-

penses. In the fall of 1877, Rev. David J. Waller, Jr., assumed the duties of principal and his administration was very successful. It was during his administration that the Model School Building and the east wing of the Dormitory were erected. Throughout the thirteen years of his connection with the school there was a constant growth in the material equipment, size, and efficiency of the school; and when, in 1890, Rev. Waller was appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction the school was in a most prosperous condition.

In July, 1890, the present principal, Judson P. Welsh, Ph. D., assumed the duties of the position. The *National Educator* in its issue of March 18, 1896, says of the prosperity of the school under his administration: "Through the influence of Dr. Welsh, the growth and prosperity of the school have been phenomenal. We will briefly enumerate some of the material changes which have gone hand-in-hand with the educational improvement. New furniture came first, then the beautiful auditorium was modeled. Next the large four-story dormitory and the gymnasium were built. Electric lights, the new library, the elevator, and the servants' dormitory soon followed. The new athletic field is another remarkable feature of this growth. In short, the school has grown so wonderfully that those who have not visited it in five years would be astonished to see the transformation."

The State Normal School is under the care of a board of trustees of eighteen members. Six of these represent the Commonwealth and twelve represent the stockholders. The stockholders are the contributors of the original \$30,000 which the state requires to be furnished by the community in which a normal school is established. They are not stock-



holders in the sense of being participators in the earnings of the school, but they elect the trustees annually and suggest to the Commonwealth those who may be appointed to represent the state. The trustees of this school have upon more than one occasion furnished funds to the institution from their private means, and have frequently compromised their personal estates by placing their names on paper to help the school out of financial embarrassment, when the state failed to appropriate sufficient funds, or withheld payment of funds appropriated. The annual appropriation of the state to the school at present is \$7,500, a sum not large enough to pay one-half the sum paid in salaries to the instructors.

The state also makes an appropriation of fifty cents per week to students of the school, to aid them in defraying their expenses. This aid is given to students seventeen years old, who take the teacher's course of instruction and declare their intention to become teachers in the public schools of the Commonwealth. At graduation, those who promise to teach two years in the Commonwealth receive fifty dollars additional. This aid to the students is of no direct value to the school, as it does not furnish any additional funds.

The following well-known business and professional men constitute the present board of trustees: A. Z. Schoch, president; John H. Clark, secretary; William Neal; John Wolf; L. E. Waller; F. P. Billmeyer; George E. Elwell; N. U. Funk; James C. Brown; W. M. Reber; Paul E. Wirt; A. L. Fritz; Hon. Robert R. Little (state); C. G. Barkley (state); Charles W. Miller (state); G. Herring (state); John A. Funston (state); and C. C. Peacock (state). Of these Mr. William Neal and Mr. John Wolf have been members of the board almost continuously since the organization of the school.

The value of the school to Bloomsburg in a business way is probably not realized even by the most sagacious business men. During the scholastic year of 1896-97, \$56,000 of the income of the school was spent in the town and immediate neighborhood of the school. This is about four-fifths of the entire yearly income of the school. In addition to this, it is estimated that the students of the school in their personal expenditures bring from \$12,000 to \$15,000 into the town each year. During the seven years preceding the school year of 1897-98, the annual income of the school increased from \$42,000 to over \$69,000, or nearly 65 per cent. During those seven years the school has expended of its income in the town, for running expenses, \$346,000. Add to this (according to the above estimate of the amount spent by students), the sum of \$85,000 for the seven years, and the total is \$431,000. But this is not all: During this time \$70,000 was expended in buildings, which amount is not included in foregoing amounts, which represent only the running expenses of the school. The grand total, therefore, of over \$500,000 (a half million dollars, in other words) has been spent in the town during the seven years mentioned. It is no wonder that Bloomsburg is a prosperous town, since she has such an institution, pouring \$70,000 per annum into her business life.

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**W**ILLIAM R. KOCHER. There are few who would recognize the beautiful and thrifty town of Bloomsburg, with its many factories, business houses, and other plants, as the little village which was founded in 1810 and then contained a postoffice, a store, and a few dwelling houses. The steady growth and rapid development of the town



reflects great credit upon the men who have had charge of its affairs, but none deserve greater praise than William R. Kocher, who is at this date president of the town council. Since assuming the duties of that office in 1897 he has instituted many reforms, and has been instrumental in bringing a number of important enterprises to the town. He is also general freight agent for the D., L. & W. R. R. at Bloomsburg, and operates a large coal yard and a retail store. He was born in Luzerne County and is a son of Thomas T. Kocher, a millwright and farmer of Harvey Lake, Luzerne County.

Our subject was reared on a farm, but when young left his parental roof and entered the employ of the railroad. He became assistant station, freight and baggage agent on the D., L. & W. R. R., from Scranton to Bloomsburg, and served in that capacity for two years, performing his duties in such a manner as to gain the approval of his superior officers; his faithfulness to the interests of the company was rewarded by promotion to the office of general freight agent at Bloomsburg, which is one of the largest shipping points of the division. He also conducted a retail coal supply-house for the company for several years, but in 1889 he embarked in the coal business on his own account, forming the firm, W. R. Kocher & Company. He built an office and a coal yard on Seventh street, between Iron and Catherine streets, and a large coal-house on the corner of East Sixth and Iron streets. The latter has a capacity of 300 tons, twenty shutles for quick loading, and has an elevated track leading up to it which is connected with the main line by a switch, and the facilities for shipping are of the best. This business has been under the management of David M. Sheep, who by giving his prompt attention to all orders received, and by his courteous treat-

ment of customers has established a large retail trade. The firm is one of the largest in Columbia County and its members are deserving of the success with which they are meeting. Mr. Kocher was one of the organizers of the Bloomsburg Creamery, formed in 1896, and is its treasurer. He is also secretary of the Bloomsburg Ice Company, another of the leading enterprises of the town.

Mr. Kocher formed a matrimonial alliance with Geraldine Benscoter, a daughter of Joseph R. Benscoter of Luzerne County, Pa., and they are the proud parents of two children, Hazel and Myron, both of whom are attending school. He is a stanch Prohibitionist in his political belief; in 1896 he was elected to the council and in 1897 was made president of that body. Many noted improvements have been made since Mr. Kocher entered the council, chief of which is the general mail delivery for the entire town of Bloomsburg. Socially our subject is a member of the Knights of Malta, and the Heptasophs. Mr. Kocher lives in a fine residence at No. 15 East Sixth street, and also owns two tenement houses on Eighth street. He is a man well and favorably known throughout Columbia County.

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JOSEPH RATTI, whose name is well-known throughout the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and in New York City, where he has been associated in business since his residence in this country, is the treasurer and manager of the Bloomsburg Silk Mills, one of the leading industries of the thriving town of Bloomsburg.

The subject of this biographical review was born in Como, Italy, and after reaching maturity he began his career in the employ of Ceriana Bros., one of the largest banking firms and silk-reelers of Italy. After becom-

ing a skilled workman at his trade he came to America and was employed to throw raw silk for the weaving looms at Hoboken, N. J., where he worked up a good patronage. He moved to Bloomsburg in 1888, taking his machinery with him, and built a large three-story brick factory, 150 by 50 feet, where he manufactured silk.

In 1891 Mr. Ratti began the manufacture of dress-goods, making a specialty of black silk dress-goods, and the business increased so rapidly that it was necessary to build an additional building, equal in size to the structure first used. The mills are heated by steam and lighted throughout by gas and electric lights. Four hundred men are employed, all being skilled workmen, many of whom learned the trade under our subject. The mill is one of the best equipped mills in the state, being well-lighted and having the latest improved machinery and other modern facilities for the convenience of the employees and for the manufacture of a perfect product. Our subject is a man of sterling worth and integrity and always has the interests of his employees at heart, as he has built twenty handsome brick houses about the factory, in which many of them reside.

Mr. Ratti is assisted in the management of the business by Frederick G. York, whose name is also familiar to the people of Columbia County. He is a native of Paterson, N. J., and since he was eighteen years of age has been connected with the manufacture of silk. He was general superintendent of the Meding Manufacturing Company of Paterson, N. J., for many years, and in 1893 removed to Bloomsburg to accept his present position with the Bloomsburg Manufacturing Company, of which he is also a stockholder and director. He is also a partner in the firm, the Elkland & Graystone Company.

Mr. Ratti is closely connected with all public movements and takes an active part in all measures which tend to ameliorate or to improve the condition of mankind.

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THOMAS W. BEAHEN, a popular and genial landlord of Laporte, Sullivan County, Pa., is the owner and proprietor of the hotel well known in the county as "The Maine." The hotel is handsomely situated, affording its patrons a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains and it is regarded as one of the best summer hotels in the Allegheny Mountains in its section of the county. Our subject is one of the most prominent and enterprising business men of the town, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. He was born in Troy, N. Y., May 1, 1850, and is a son of John and Ann (Roe) Beahen.

John Beahen is descended from the sturdy Irish race and was born three miles from the city of Dublin, County Dublin, Ireland. Being unsuited with the position he had attained in his native country, he decided to immigrate to the United States to seek a fortune and better home; he accordingly sailed for this country at an early age and upon his arrival he went to work in a tannery in Troy, N. Y. Later he engaged in the same occupation at Binghamton, N. Y. Mr. Beahen labored diligently for a number of years and by the exercise of economy succeeded in accumulating enough money to purchase a farm, and after his marriage he bought a farm near the village of Montrose, Pa., and there carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, at the age of seventy-three years. He was joined in marriage to Ann Roe, a daughter of James Roe; she was born in County Westmeath, Ireland.

To this happy union a family of two children was born: Mary, who resides on the homestead, and Thomas W., the subject of this personal history. The mother of our subject entered the final rest at the age of sixty-nine years.

Thomas W. Beahen remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, attending the district school and assisting his father about the farm. He chose the vocation of a carpenter as a means of obtaining a livelihood and pursued that trade for twenty-five years. In 1880 he became a resident of Laporte, where he was employed by the Laporte Tanning Company as a carpenter and woodsman. Later he rented the Commercial Hotel at Laporte, succeeding Mr. McKibbens. One year later he took charge of the Laporte Hotel, succeeded in establishing an excellent reputation as a host, and soon built up a large patronage. Our subject conducted the Laporte Hotel until March 25, 1898, when it was burned to the ground, our subject meeting with a heavy loss. Upon the advice of his friends Mr. Beahen decided to continue the hotel business and purchasing the Lambert property he erected his present hotel, "The Maine;" he also built a large barn, 36 by 50 feet. "The Maine" is a handsome structure, contains seventeen rooms which are elegantly furnished, and has a large dining hall capable of seating many people; it is situated on a high elevation commanding a view of the surrounding mountains; the water is pure and the mountain air which is very healthy and invigorating makes "The Maine" a typical summer resort. The proprietor of this popular resort commands the respect and good-will of the entire community, and takes an active interest in any measure which tends to benefit his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Beahen was united in the bonds of

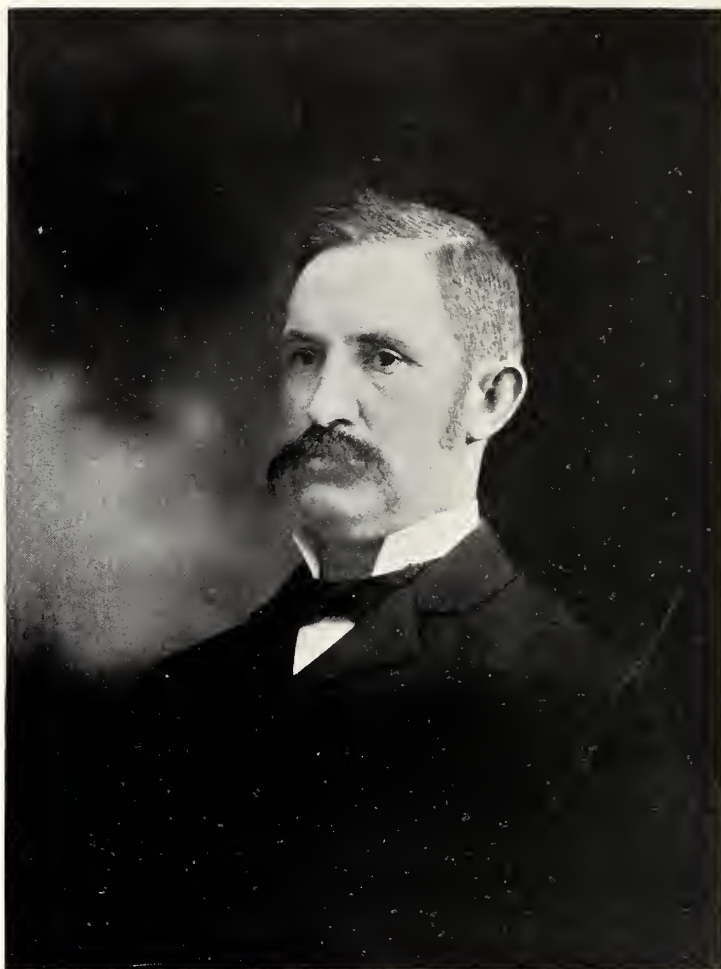
matrimony to Ella Readding, a daughter of Hugh Readding of Rush township, Susquehanna County, Pa., and this union has been blessed by three children, as follows: Annie; John, who has been engaged in teaching during the past three years; and Catherine. Religiously Mr. Beahen and family are active members of the Roman Catholic Church. Politically our subject is a solid Democrat, has held the office of school director five years, and has been a representative in the town council five years.

CHARLES H. DORR, the popular editor and proprietor of the Berwick Independent, should feel proud of his success in the field of journalism. When the Independent passed into his management it was a four-page sheet and made its appearance weekly, but under his capable guidance it has increased wonderfully in circulation and has been increased to an eight-page sheet. It has passed safely over the troubled waters and now has a smooth sea in which to sail. Mr. Dorr has a thorough understanding of the newspaper business and knows how to conduct a journal successfully. The reading matter of the Independent is selected with the greatest care, its editorials are good, and its local news is crisp, fresh and entertaining. The growth and success of this journal reflects great credit upon the ability of its editor and manager.

Charles H. Dorr is a son of Jesse A. Dorr, a lumberman and native of Wyoming County, Pa., and was born in Williamsport, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of Baltimore, Md., and the seminary at Williamsport, after which he entered journalism, his first position being that of manager of the Morning Record of Haltzdale. He was next em-







FREDERICK J. RICHARD.

ployed in the same capacity for the Courier at Osceola, where he remained until 1889, when he removed to Berwick and accepted the management of the Berwick Independent for the proprietor, R. S. Bowman. Three years later our subject purchased the plant and has since been its proprietor and editor.

Mr. Dorr was united in marriage to Annie Reedy, a daughter of Peter Reedy of Berwick, and they have been blessed with three children, namely: Marian and Margaret, deceased; and Herbert. Mr. Dorr is a prominent Mason, being a member of the Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M.

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**F**REDERICK J. RICHARD. Among the principal industries of the remarkably industrious town of Bloomsburg is the Bloomsburg Manufacturing Company, of which the gentleman whose name heads these lines is president. He is well qualified to direct the affairs of that well-known concern, as he has had twenty-three years' experience and is a man of the highest mechanical skill. He has been connected with numerous similar enterprises, and has done more to promote the mechanical industry in Bloomsburg than any one individual during the equivalent number of years. He was born in Scranton, Pa., December 19, 1857, and is a son of Jacob F. and Josephine (Robert) Richard.

Jacob F. Richard, the father of our subject, a mechanic of renowned skill, was a native of France where he learned the trade of a mechanic. He came to the United States and followed his trade in Scranton, Pa., New York City, and Waterbury, Conn., and was very prosperous. He died in Waterbury and his worthy wife has since resided in New York City. As a result of his marriage with Jo-

sephine Robert, four sons and one daughter were born, namely: Frederick J., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; Henry J.; George J.; Jacob J.; and Elizabeth, who was united in marriage to E. Hosbach of Wood Haven.

Frederick J. Richard was reared in New York City and received his education in the public schools. He inherited his father's mechanical ability and love for mechanics, and early in life begged his father to allow him to choose the trade of machinist as his life occupation. His father would not consent until he had tried other lines of work, and met with disappointment, when he was finally allowed to enter the employ of Bliss & Williams of Brooklyn. He served an apprenticeship of five years during which time he became thoroughly acquainted with the trade and was thoroughly qualified to undertake the duties of the next position offered him. He was appointed foreman of the Manhattan Brass Company and, as his work proved very satisfactory, he was soon after appointed superintendent. He later took charge of the Brass Tube Works of Holmes, Booth & Haven of Waterbury, Conn., which is known far and wide as the Brass City, and held that position for three years. For the following two years he was superintendent for Randolph & Clauss, manufacturers of seamless brass and copper tubing. In 1891 he removed to the thriving town of Bloomsburg and, in association with J. L. Richardson, built the Brass & Copper Company's plant, manufacturers of seamless brass and copper tubing. The factory is a two-story brick structure, 175 by 75 feet, and is fitted throughout with machinery of the company's own manufacture. Our subject was made the manager and superintendent and under his careful guidance the venture was eminently successful. In 1892 the

Bloomsburg Brass & Copper Company was formed and he was made superintendent. In 1893 he built the plant of the Shickshinny Tube Company, of which he is a director and stockholder. He was also a director and stockholder in the Bloomsburg Elevator Company, builders and makers of machinery. In partnership with J. L. Richardson, he built the Bloomsburg Manufacturing Company's plant in 1893; the building was 60 by 40 feet, and the boiler-room was 30 by 30 feet, both being made of brick. The company manufactures a large variety of articles, cuspidors, oil-cans, currycombs, etc. In 1894 a stock company was formed with the following officers: F. J. Richard, president; George J. Richard, vice-president; and L. E. Waller, director. As the growth of the business had been so rapid it was found necessary to enlarge the building. Another story was added to it, the length increased to 110 feet and an L, 50 by 25 feet, added. Machinery was put in for the manufacture of carpet looms for the Bloomsburg Carpet Manufactory, and also six cutting and stamping machines. Mr. Richard is the most experienced and skilled mechanic in this section of the state, and designed and made most of the machinery now in use in the factory. An average of fifty competent workmen is regularly employed, and their output is the finest on the market and finds a ready sale in the larger cities. Our subject's sterling qualities are a source of admiration and respect among his fellow-citizens who regard him as a man of great worth and influence in the community.

Our subject was joined in hymeneal bonds to Catherine Cook, a daughter of Andrew Cook of Wood Haven, and they became the happy parents of the following children: William, deceased; Catherine; Julia; Lizzie, Lilia and Fred J., deceased; and Jennie. Mr.

Richard was deprived of his beloved wife's companionship by death in 1897, aged thirty-seven years. In November, 1898, he joined in marriage with Hannah S. Christ of Bloomsburg, Pa., daughter of George T. and Margaret Christ of Bloomsburg. He has been a member of the town council several terms and his great popularity is shown by the fact that at a recent election he received the largest vote ever cast for a candidate for councilman. Socially our subject is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., of Waterbury, Conn. He resides in a fine residence on Normal Hill and is also the owner of a large tenement house on Light Street road, and one on Fourth street.

As a representative and prominent citizen of Bloomsburg we show on a previous page a recent portrait of Mr. Richard.

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JOSEPH S. NEWMAN, an enterprising and progressive citizen of Nordmont, Sullivan County, Pa., is general station agent on the W. & N. B. R. R. and express agent at that point, where he has faithfully served the company's interests since 1890. He is a son of George Newman, and was born in Prince, Williams County, Va., March 7, 1866. He is of English descent and is a great-grandson of Thomas Newman, who was one of the early settlers of Lycoming County, Pa., where he was known far and wide as a man of integrity and honesty in his every business transaction. He now lies buried in the Newman cemetery of that county. He was the progenitor of one son, Joseph, who became the owner of the old homestead in Lycoming County. He disposed of that property and settled at Tivoli, in the same county, where he followed lumbering and



farming. He closed his eyes in final sleep at the age of seventy-four years.

George Newman, the father of our subject, was born near Hughesville, Lycoming County, but moved to Tivoli with his father, where he resides at the present time. He is a man of great industry and, as a dealer in lumber and a farmer, success has attended his every effort, and he is now one of the substantial men of that section.

Joseph S. Newman, the subject of this biographical record, obtained his mental training in the public schools and in the high schools of Williamsport and Tivoli. In 1884 he was offered the position of station agent at that town, which he accepted and retained for one and one-half years, serving in Sonestown for a time subsequent to 1886. He was the first and is the only member of the Newman family whose lot has been cast within the bounds of the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. From Sonestown he went to Muncy Valley, where he remained until 1890, when he accepted his present position at Nordmont, Sullivan County. He has a thorough understanding of the many responsible duties of his position and has discharged them to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the road, thereby gaining the approval of his employers. For some years he was financially associated in the mercantile business in Nordmont, under the firm name of Botsford & Newman, with M. W. Botsford, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this book.

Mr. Newman was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mary S. Sinclair, a daughter of William and Martha J. Sinclair of Laporte township, and their happy union is blessed by two children: Hazel Martha and Lester S. Politically our subject is a stanch Republican, whilst in religious attachments he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. So-

cially he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and of the Odd Fellows. He is a man of admirable character and habits and has won many friends since his residence in Nordmont.

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**R**EV. WILLIAM I. STEANS, pastor of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church of Danville, Pa., is an earnest and conscientious laborer in the vineyard of the Master and is held in high estimation by his parishioners.

The church of which our subject is now pastor dates back to 1778 or 1779, when Gen. William Montgomery raised enough money by subscription to have a minister journey to and preach in the old log-house which stood where the Grove Church now stands. In 1786 a congregation was organized and two sermons were preached every Sunday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. There was neither stove nor fireplace in the old log church, and, as there was a pit in the center of the church, a charcoal fire was built to heat it; the noon-hour was spent in lunching and late in the afternoon the second sermon was preached. The ground upon which this log church stood consisted of three and sevenths acres and was purchased September 8, 1775, at a cost of £5. In 1826 the church was torn down and a brick building erected. The following ministers had charge of this church from 1826 to 1850: Rev. Hugh Morrison, Rev. John Bryson, Rev. Asa Dunham, Rev. John B. Patterson, Rev. David M. Holliday, and Rev. John W. Yeomans, all of whom were local preachers. In 1850 the congregation of this church numbered 325, and, being so large, its members decided to abandon the old church and erect a new one. Accordingly, in



1853, the old church was sold and the present one erected, and it was dedicated November 16, 1854, and sermons were preached by Rev. William Plumer, Rev. Sinonton, and Rev. David M. Holliday. A few of the members, who resided near the old site, organized a new congregation which is still in existence and is called the Grove Presbyterian Church. The Mahoning Presbyterian Church is located on Ferry street and is a handsome structure. The society has the largest congregation of any church in Danville. Since 1865 the following ministers have successively been pastor of this church: Rev. Dr. Yeomans; Rev. William E. I. James; Rev. Alexander B. Jackson; Rev. Thomas R. Beeber; Rev. R. L. Stewart; and the present pastor, W. I. Steans. The ruling elders are: Josiah Reed, James Oglesby, H. M. Hinckley, R. B. Voris, David Shelhart, Samuel Bailey H. B. Schultz and H. H. Furman.

Our subject was born March 20, 1854, and is a son of William Steans and a grandson of John Steans, who came from Leicestershire, Eng., to this country while a young man; he located in Buffalo Valley, Northampton County, Pa., and was one of the prominent farmers of his day. He died at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife was Agnes Boward and they were the parents of six children, namely: William, the father of our subject; Catherine; Jane; Hannah; Nancy; and Sarah.

William Steans followed the vocation of an agriculturist all his life on the old homestead. He married Caroline Irwin, a daughter of William Irwin, a native of North Ireland. Four children blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steans, namely: John C., a practicing physician of Mifflinburg, Pa.; William I., our subject; Jennie R.; and Ralph, also a physician.

Rev. William I. Steans acquired a good education in the Columbia Seminary, was then

graduated from Lafayette College in 1879, and later entered the Theological Seminary of Princeton, and was graduated with the class of 1882. He immediately began his service for God and humanity in his first field of labor, the Washburn Street Presbyterian Church at Scranton, Pa. On June 1, 1891, he took charge of his present pastorate, in which he has been very successful, and his zealous efforts for the good and betterment of the community have been crowned with the best of results. His labors are well planned and he is able to get through with a large amount of work because of the several years of experience he has had in the religious field. Broad in his views, sincere and outspoken in his attitude on living questions that concern the lives and welfare of the people, and zealous and earnest in all that he sets his hand and his heart to, Rev. Mr. Steans is a man whose influence is felt on all sides, one who will leave a lasting impression on the community in which he so zealously labors. Our subject, some time ago, was united in marriage to Jennie Wells, a daughter of C. H. Wells of Scranton, Pa.

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**H**ENRY S. BETTS, a successful and artistic photographer of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., was born July 2, 1862, in Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales. He is a son of Alfred and Zilpah (Carr) Betts.

Our subject was educated in England. He followed in the footsteps of his father, with whom he learned the father's trade, photography. He also pursued his chosen vocation in several London photographic houses, after which he engaged in business in his native country.

Coming to the United States in October,





ISAIAH BOWER.

1887, Mr. Betts engaged in his business in Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, where he prospered and remained until April, 1898, when he removed to Shamokin, his present home. Our subject, being of artistic temperament and having had valuable experience abroad, holds high rank as a photographer and is well known because of the excellence of his photographic work of all classes.

Mr. Betts was happily married to Margaret Chambers of England. Their happiness has been crowned by the issue of four lovable children, Frank, Zilpah, Arthur and Ada.

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**I**SAIAH BOWER, one of the oldest and most prominent merchants of Columbia County, Pa., whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, has been a resident of Berwick for many years, and it is owing to the efforts of such men as he that the borough, as a business center and manufacturing point, leads all other boroughs of equal size in the state of Pennsylvania. When quite young he engaged in business there and in a short time was at the head of a large industry, which added wealth to the town and aided in its growth, as the success of his undertaking served as an inducement for other enterprises to locate there. Berwick steadily grew in size, and we find that Mr. Bower, from the time of making his home there, has been foremost in promoting its interests and has erected more residences and business houses than any other man. A gentleman in whom the people have always reposed the greatest confidence, we find in his advanced age a large retinue of acquaintances throughout the county who are pleased to be called his friends. He was born at Evansville, Briarcreek township, Columbia County, March 19, 1829, and

is a son of Michael and Mary (Zahner) Bower.

Our subject's grandfather, George Michael Bower, was born in Germany and came to this country at the age of thirteen years, taking up the occupation of a farmer. He first purchased a farm in the Lehigh Valley, but later settled in Columbia County where he purchased a partially-improved farm in Briarcreek township of a Mr. Disserand, a Frenchman. At the time, prior to the Nineteenth Century, that section was sparsely settled and there was but a single house where Berwick is now located. Mr. Bower cleared some one hundred and twenty acres, which land is now owned by Mr. John Fester, and there resided the remainder of his life. His wife's maiden name was Hill, and their union resulted in the following offspring: Jacob; Michael; Solomon; Daniel; Phelina; and Catharine.

Michael Bower, the father of our subject, as a youth was extremely precocious and although little opportunity in the way of schooling offered, he acquired a good education as a result of his individual efforts and became a teacher, a position for which he proved well qualified, teaching in his own home and in those of his neighbors. He learned to weave wool and flax, and followed weaving for some time, weaving for many families in his locality. He came into possession of a portion of the old home estate on which he erected a log house, and there he followed farming and reared a large family of children. He was united in matrimonial bonds with Mary Zahner, a daughter of George Zahner, who was also an early settler in Briarcreek township, and they had the following children: Sarah, the wife of William Whitmire; Isaac; Reuben; Samuel C.; Daniel; Hannah, wife of Henry Martz; George, who lives in Briarcreek township; Catharine, the



wife of Charles Whitmire, who lives in Center township; Enos, who died young; and Isaiah, the subject of this personal history. Mrs. Bower died at the age of sixty-eight years, and her husband died six years later, in December, 1862, at the age of eighty-two years, six months, both being buried at Evansville.

Isaiah Bower early in life learned the trades of carpenter and machinist, following the former occupation but one year, when he became a machinist at the plant of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company at Berwick. After continuing in that capacity for two and one-half years, he rented the plant and manufactured plows with much success, making the Bull plow, the Walker plow, and the Bower plow, which he patterned himself. The building in which his establishment was located was situated where the casting and pipe factory of the Jackson & Woodin company is now located, but has since been burned to the ground. In 1864, in association with Mr. M. E. Jackson and Mr. H. R. Bower, and under the firm name of I. & H. R. Bower, he established a general merchandise store at the corner of Front and Mulberry streets. In 1870 Mr. Jackson disposed of his interest to the other members of the firm, who conducted it with the best results and also bought the Voke & Michael Agriculture Works, which they conducted until 1880. In that year they divided their business, H. R. Bower taking the store and our subject the manufacturing plant which he operated until 1884. In 1883 he built his present store, with dwelling attached, located on the corner of Pine and East Second streets, and since 1884 has given his attention mainly to that business. He has a fine store and enjoys a large patronage. He is a man of great enterprise and good judgment and the success which he has attained is due solely to his own efforts. He

owns fifty-six acres of the original family homestead on which he has erected substantial buildings; a farm of ninety-two acres which he bought from his brother; the Layman Morse farm of one hundred and twenty acres; and the Morteller farm. He has greatly improved all the farms and hires men to cultivate them, being a wonderfully busy man for his years. He has over twenty tenement houses in Berwick and Nescopeck.

In 1850 Mr. Bower married Hannah Hagenbach, a daughter of Simeon Hagenbach of Center township. They are faithful members of the United Evangelical Church, in which Mr. Bower has held a number of offices. He has always lived an upright, honest, and temperate life, being a strong advocate of temperance. He has sympathy for the deserving and is very liberal in his charity. In political belief he was originally a Democrat, but for some years has been a Prohibitionist; he has served in official capacity as burgess of the borough, and has held numerous minor offices.

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**M**ILTON W. BOTSFORD, a prominent merchant of Nordmont, Sullivan County, is the eldest son of John C. and Martha (Pennington) Botsford, and was born in Davidson township, Sullivan County, Pa., August 17, 1849.

John Botsford, great-grandfather of our subject, was the founder of the Botsford family in America. He was born in England, came to America, and served in the French and Indian War. He was twice married and had two sons, John and Levi; the latter was accidentally killed at Utica, N. Y. The former, John, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Oxford County, Conn., and early in life was a glassmaker at Utica,

N. Y. He removed to Schuylers County, Pa., in 1844. Having saved some money he next purchased sixty acres of forest land in Davidson township, Sullivan County, Pa., now owned by William M. Stephens. He engaged in clearing and cultivating the land, building a dwelling house and other buildings and establishing a home for himself and family. He died at the age of eighty-four; his wife, Louise McEwen, lived to the good old age of ninety-two. They were blessed with five children: Louisa, Nancy, Emeline, Sarah, and John C., the father of our subject.

John C. Botsford, father of Milton W. Botsford, was born in Oneida County, N. Y. Early in life he bought a tract of land in Laporte township, cleared it, and there he has lived ever since, enjoying the reputation and success of a practical farmer. There he and his wife are spending their declining years in peace and in the same surroundings which characterized their years of toil. Their ages are, respectively, seventy-four and seventy-six years. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Botsford, viz.: Milton W., our subject; Jesse, who is married and resides in Nebraska; Mary, who married William Stanley and resides at the Botsford homestead; Arthur, who married Ella Mosteller, and, together with Judson, who married Minnie Kuner, reside in Athens, Pa.; and Zenus.

At the district school Milton W. Botsford obtained a good practical education, which he found of value to him in after years. After he left school he found employment in the lumber business for seven years, when he went into business for himself by starting a small store at Unityville, Lycoming County, Pa. He continued at this business for eight years, then sold out and removed to Nordmont and purchased the C. W. Reeder store and engaged again in the mercantile business. In this en-

terprise he was prospering when he received an unwelcome visit from fire September 11, 1897. His store, also his house and barn, near by, were destroyed by the fire; but, out of the ruins rose a new building, typical country store, with genial Mr. Botsford again behind the counter.

Mr. Botsford was united in marriage with Annie Hirleman, daughter of Henry Hirleman of Waller, Columbia County, Pa. Their children: Rush, Ernest, Charles, who died at the early age of four years, Harry and Frank. The positions of honor and trust held by Mr. Botsford are the best evidences of the high esteem in which he is held by his friends and neighbors. He has been elected at different times overseer of the poor, inspector of elections, auditor and justice of the peace, and is at present postmaster, which position he has held at Nordmont and Unityville for a period of twenty years. Our subject's wife is a faithful and willing worker in the United Evangelical Church.


RAY H. DAVENPORT, although a young man, is possessed of wonderful business ability and holds the responsible position of superintendent for the Berwick Store Company, Ltd., one of the largest department stores in the state of Pennsylvania.

The store is located in a handsome three-story brick building which is heated by steam and lighted throughout by electric lights. The south side of the store is devoted to a large stock of groceries, crockery, hardware, confectionery, etc., while the north room on the first floor is stocked with a complete line of men's furnishings in the front, and in the rear is a meat and produce market. The

second floor is equipped with everything in the line of ready-made clothing, hats and caps, boots and shoes, and bicycles. The third floor is heavily stocked with a comprehensive line of household furnishings, having a great variety of the best furniture, carpets, curtains, draperies, etc. In the near vicinity, the company has a large coal yard, also a store where are sold feed, flour and grain. In fact, everything that could be desired by the public is kept in this establishment, and thirty-five clerks, five delivery-men, and eight book-keepers are constantly employed to care for the ever increasing business. The store is well arranged and everything is carefully systematized; the clerks are polite and courteous and it is a pleasure for customers to trade there.

Ray H. Davenport, the subject of this review, was born February 4, 1874, in Crawford County, Pa., and is a son of Levi and Civil (Hills) Davenport. He removed to Berwick in 1891 and became entry clerk in the store of Jackson & Woodin, serving in that capacity for five years. At the expiration of that time the firm was merged into the Berwick Store Company, Ltd., when our subject, on account of his thorough knowledge of the affairs of the firm, was made superintendent and has since faithfully performed the duties of that position. He is a man of marked ability and has won not only the approval of his employers, but the confidence and respect of those under his supervision.

Mr. Davenport formed a matrimonial alliance with Idella Bloss, a daughter of John Bloss of Berwick, and they are the happy parents of two children, namely: Donald H., and John B. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Malta, and Lodge No. 246, I. O. O. F., of Berwick. Politically Mr. Davenport is a Republican.

 SCAR LEWIS. The gentleman whose name heads this review is a highly esteemed and respected citizen of Sullivan County, Pa., and stands foremost among the representative agriculturists of Davidson township. He is an ideal farmer, owning one hundred and fifty-three acres of highly improved land located near the village of Nordmont, and has been engaged in the prosecution of that independent calling, farming, all his life. He was born in Sugarloaf township, Columbia County, Pa., March 3, 1838, and is a son of David and Hannah (Robbins) Lewis, and a grandson of Daniel Lewis.

Daniel Lewis was a native of the state of New Jersey and was a blacksmith by trade; early in life he became a resident of Sugarloaf township, Columbia County, locating on Coles Creek; there he followed his chosen occupation in connection with some farming. He was the father of the following children: David, Abraham, Aaron, Anna, John, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah and Elizabeth.

David Lewis, the father of our subject, was also born in New Jersey, and during his boyhood days he worked in his father's blacksmith shop, serving an apprenticeship to the trade. He continued at that trade all his life. In 1838 he began the cultivation of the soil; he erected a sawmill, which he also operated. His homestead is now in possession of his son Jasper. He was prominently known in his community as a man of many sterling qualities and he enjoyed the respect of a large circle of friends. He departed from this life in 1890 at the age of seventy-eight years. He was joined in marriage with Hannah Robbins and as a result of the union ten children blessed their home, namely: Catherine; Elizabeth; Mary; Martha; Oscar; Clinton; Francis M.; Jasper; and two who died in infancy. The mother of







ANDREW A. HEIM.



MRS. HESTER K. HEIM.



our subject passed from this earth at the age of sixty-seven years.

Our subject acquired a liberal education in the schools of his native township and left the parental roof at the age of twenty-six, shortly after his marriage, going to White Hall, Montour County, Pa., where he worked at farming. He soon returned to his native township, but remained there but a short time, when he removed to Davidson township, Sullivan County, and rented the John Keeler farm for five years. At the expiration of that time he purchased his present property. Our subject has made many improvements upon the farm since taking possession of it, such as building a new house, new barns and outbuildings, and to-day his farm ranks among the best in the county. Mr. Lewis is enterprising, progressive, and is interested in all measures that tend to promote the welfare of the county; he is an honest, upright citizen and neighbor, and commands the respect and esteem of the entire community of which he has so long been a valuable member.

Mr. Lewis was united in marriage with Catherine Haines, a daughter of Clark Haines of Columbia County, and they are the proud parents of two daughters, as follows: Lizzie, wife of A. C. Shaw of Shickshinny, Pa., and they are the parents of one child, Ruth; and Edna, wife of C. Turney, and they have been blessed by two children, Myrtle and Grace. In politics Mr. Lewis is an ardent Democrat and served as supervisor during 1897-98; and as tax collector during 1898.

tory of the Shamokin coal fields, is a son of John Jacob and Mrs. Christiana (Weingarten) Heim, nee Mannal, and was born in the city of Philadelphia, October 11, 1828.

His father, John Jacob Heim, was born in the Province of Alsace-Lorraine, France, now of Germany, but later located in the Province of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he lived until 1826. He was one of Napoleon's soldiers and was one of the famous Reserve Corps at the Battle of Waterloo. Seeking a wider field for his industry and talents, in that year he came to America, landing in the city of Baltimore, Md. Remaining there but a short time he removed to Philadelphia, Pa., where he found employment at his trade, that of silk weaver. He married while a resident of that city and soon after located upon a farm near Muncy, Pa., subsequently locating in Danville, Pa., where he followed various lines of business. For some years he was superintendent of a factory in Danville, but at the time of his death in 1869 he was a resident of Sullivan County. He was a man of progressive ideas, far in advance of the majority of the people with whom he was thrown in contact at that day. The common school system met with decided opposition on the part of a large proportion of the people in his section, but in him it found one of its staunchest friends and strongest advocates. At one time he was one of six in his township favoring its adoption, but by strenuous efforts in behalf of the institution the six carried the day. So it was in all matters of public improvements, such as canals, roads, etc., he was always among the most potent advocates of their adoption and promotion. Politically, in his early life, the father of our subject was inclined toward the Jacksonian school of Democracy, but the policy of the old line Whigs on the subject of internal improve-

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ANDREW A. HEIM, a capitalist and business promoter of Shamokin, who has been actively and prominently identified with the industrial and financial his-



ments appealed to his spirit of progressiveness, and he affiliated with the party of Clay and Harrison. Religiously he was a consistent member of the Evangelical Church. He married before coming to the United States and had one son, Jacob, an agriculturist of Freeport, Ill. His union with Mrs. Christiana Weingarten, nee Manna, resulted in the birth of one son, the subject of this sketch.

Andrew A. Heim had few educational advantages as his was the day of the old "subscription" schools, and when the public school system was adopted he attended but a short time, when he was called upon to fight his own way in the world. However, he made the best of his opportunities and obtained a fair schooling, which has been supplemented by careful study of the events which happened from day to day and which have been recorded in newspapers and other publications. At the age of sixteen Andrew was thrown upon his own resources and he went to a village of 500 inhabitants which has since grown into the city of Scranton, and there he was employed as a laborer in building the first rolling-mill in that vicinity. We next find him at Danville where he was similarly engaged for about six months, when he became an apprentice to learn the trade of carpenter. In 1850 the coal industry was just being opened in the vicinity of Treverton, and realizing that that section offered superior advantages for the plying of his trade, our subject went there and for two or three years was actively engaged in contracting and building. Most of the larger and more substantial buildings of that place are yet standing as evidence of his early enterprise and genius. In 1853 he launched in another business enterprise, that of building coal-breakers, but also continued his former business as a contractor, carrying it on under the direction of a foreman or su-

perintendent. Thus he continued until 1863 when he moved to Shamokin and constructed the Burnside Colliery for Stephen Bittenbender & Company. In the following year he rebuilt the Bear Valley Colliery and subsequently operated it by contract; he also built and operated another colliery, the George Fales of the Bear Valley Company, operating it by contract; he rented both in 1872, operating them for several years in connection with others. In 1869-70 he built the Monitor Colliery at Locust Gap but sold it the same year to George W. Johns & Brother. During the autumn of 1874, in association with a number of others, he opened up a soft-coal mine at Reynoldsville, Jefferson County, Pa., and successfully operated it until 1884. In 1881 he and Mr. Audenried built what is known as the Black Ridge Colliery near Hazleton, Pa., which they operated until the fall of 1882, when they disposed of the plant.

Recounting the facts of Mr. Heim's life is sufficient testimony to his activity and industry as a business man and a general business promotor. In addition to his identification with the coal industry he has been active in the promotion of other lines of business which have resulted in material benefit to the town of Shamokin. He has been prominently connected with the Shamokin Banking Company for years, having served as director, vice-president and president. He also is a director of the Shamokin Manufacturing Company; of the Shamokin Industrial Company; is largely interested in real estate; and always has been active in the promotion of the town's interests. In private life Mr. Heim is held in the highest esteem and has many friends in the several localities in which he has resided. Our subject has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1855, and he is a prominent Mason,

being a member of Sunbury Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and a Master Mason.

When Lee attempted to invade Pennsylvania, at the time the great battle of Antietam was fought, Mr. Heim was elected a lieutenant of a company of his fellow-citizens which was hastily organized for the emergency, but he declined the position and went out with the company as a sergeant. The company was Company K, 18th Regiment.

Mr. Heim was joined in marriage with Barbara Kester and unto them were born seven children, three of whom grew to maturity: Arthur William, a merchant tailor of Reading, Pa.; David W., assistant cashier of the Shamokin Banking Company; and Charles Franklin, who is engaged in the real estate business in Philadelphia. Our subject's first wife, Barbara, suffered intensely, her health having failed. She was for twelve years helpless and died in March, 1897, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Heim married as his second wife Mrs. Hester Eisenhart, nee Kulp, who was born and reared on a farm three miles southeast of Sunbury and was a daughter of Samuel Kulp.

Politically Mr. Heim is a Republican and whilst he has never been an officeseeker in any sense, although frequently importuned to accept office, yet he always has taken a deep interest in the cause of good government. He was a Democrat up to 1856, but became a Republican on the organization of the party which succeeded the old Whigs. While in Trevorton he served as a school director, as poor director, and in 1858 was elected justice of the peace and served one term.

Religiously Mr. Heim is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been an active worker since he was nineteen years of age, having held various offices. At the present time he is serving as trustee.

On preceding pages, in connection with the above life history, the publishers of this work present excellent portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Heim. They will be viewed with interest by all the friends and acquaintances of our subject and wife.

JOHN T. COLT, one of Northumberland's most esteemed retired merchants, was born in that borough July 8, 1827, and is a son of Alexander and Mary Ann (Taggart) Colt.

Alexander Colt, our subject's father, was born at Cross Roads, in the western part of Chester County; his father was of Scotch-Irish descent, was banished from Ireland during the religious rebellion, came to this country and settled in Chester County. Alexander Colt migrated to Northumberland, Northumberland County, about 1820, in search of a place where he might settle and satisfy his aspirations, which were those of a thoroughly ambitious spirit. With no trade or capital he entered the employ of his uncle, Alexander Colt, a skilled blacksmith, and became himself an adept blacksmith; in those days all wagon and carriage iron-work was done by hand, and in that line of work he became a skilled mechanic and succeeded his uncle, carrying on the business at the corner of Water street and Weakley's alley. His wife, Mary Ann Taggart, who died in the prime of life, was a daughter of David Taggart. To them were born six children: Sarah, who married John Brantigan; John T., our subject; Mary, wife of A. B. Barrett; Susan, who married Dr. McKey; Henry, who married a Miss Keefer and is living in Philadelphia; and Deborah, who married John Chesney. Our subject's father was active in the politics of the bor-

ough, supporting the Whig party and later becoming a Republican. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He worked at his trade for many years, accumulating a fine property and spending in retirement the last few years of his life, which came to a close at the venerable age of eighty years.

John T. Colt, our subject, was educated in the public schools and learned the blacksmith's trade of his father and followed it for about thirty years at the corner of Queen and Front streets; then, selling out, he entered the mercantile business and continued in it until about 1889, keeping a general store, in which he was very successful. He erected several buildings, principally on Queen street, and dealt in real estate. He has remodeled his present residence, which is on Market street, facing the beautiful Park Square. It was built about 1800 by James Lee.

Our subject was united in marriage with Catherine Harrison, a daughter of William Harrison, who was a member of a prominent family of the borough. Mr. and Mrs. Colt are the proud parents of two sons: John E., a much esteemed citizen, who carries on a large insurance business, married Emma Kembell, and has three children,—Margaret, John and Catherine; and James, who assisted in his father's store, and died at twenty-eight years of age. Mr. Colt served many years as overseer of the poor, was a member of the borough council, and was treasurer of the borough for three years, and was also treasurer of the school board several years. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias for twenty-eight years, and during that time he has served, without any opposition, as treasurer; he is also a member of the Conclave. Our subject is a firm Republican. In religious views he is liberal.

**H**ORACE WILLIAM BURG, M. D., is not only a leading and skilful physician and surgeon of Northumberland County, but is also burgess of Northumberland borough, and is regarded as one of the most active and energetic men of that place. He was born May 10, 1852, in Lower Windsor, York County, Pa., and is a son of Philip William and Mary A. (Eckert) Burg.

Philip William Burg, our subject's father, was born in Amsterdam, Holland, and during the early part of his life, after locating in this country, carried on a very extensive tobacco business in Baltimore, Md., and amassed a fortune. Selling out his business he purchased a very fine farm and grist-mill in Lower Windsor township, York County, Pa., where he engaged in farming and milling for several years, and lived at the time of his death. He married Mary A. Eckert, a daughter of Jacob Eckert of Northumberland. To them were born three children: Clinton, who died young; Horace William, our subject; and Somers, now deceased, who was engaged in mercantile business. Our subject's father was a Whig in his political preferences, and later a Republican. He served as justice of peace, besides officiating in many other minor offices.

Horace William Burg, our subject, was a young lad when his mother, after the death of his father, returned to Northumberland, where she resided the remainder of her life. He attended the public and high schools there, and then attended the New Berlin Academy and Dickinson's Seminary at Williamsport, Pa., and also graduated from the Williamsport Commercial College in 1873. He read medicine with his uncle, Simon W. Burg, M. D., of New Berlin, and at a later period with Joseph Priestly, M. D., of Northumberland. He was graduated from Jefferson



Medical College in 1877, and at once located in Northumberland and opened an office for the practice of his profession. His success in his chosen calling has been most gratifying, and to-day he stands pre-eminent among the best physicians and surgeons of the county. He has a very extensive practice in the surrounding country and is called upon to attend many cases in Sunbury. In 1875 Dr. Burg married Cora H. Simpson, a daughter of Col. A. C. Simpson, an attorney at Selinsgrove, who formerly lived in Northumberland, Pa. These children have blessed our subject's union: Edwin; Stoddard; Mary Blanche, who died at the age of three years; one who died in infancy; and Dorothy. Dr. Burg recently enlarged his fine residence and built a new barn; he has also erected on the same lot a neat and commodious office with all modern improvements. He is a very active Democrat; he served one term as burgess some time ago and is now filling out the second year of the present term; he has also been assessor and has held many other minor offices, and in so doing he has contributed much to the progress and improvement of the borough.

Our subject, Dr. Burg, is of a social disposition, and so has considered it both pleasant and profitable to become a member of the following societies, in which he has served as an officer: Jr. O. U. A. M.; Knights of Pythias, and Conclave of the same order; and Knights of Malta. Professionally he is a member of the Sunbury Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. His wife is an Episcopalian, while he is inclined to be liberal in his religious views.

DAVID CAMP, who is interested in several of the most important enterprises in Mount Carmel and formerly was a very prosperous merchant, is known as one of

the most enterprising and public-spirited residents of Mount Carmel, this county. Mr. Camp is a son of Benjamin and Magdalena (Hinkle) Camp and was born November 22, 1834, in Elysburg, Northumberland County, Pa. His paternal grandfather, Henry Camp, and maternal grandfather, Abram Hinkle, were pioneers who were farmers near Elysburg. Both died near Bear Gap and were buried in the Reed Church cemetery. Henry Camp and his wife reared a family of seven children: Benjamin, the father of our subject; Samuel; David; Lambert; Mary, who became Mrs. John Long; Sarah, who married Daniel Hill; and a daughter who was the wife of Daniel Bloom, all of whom are dead.

The father of our subject, Benjamin Camp, was born in Northumberland County. He was a carpenter and builder by trade, also a farmer, combining both occupations very successfully. In 1837 he removed from his farm near Elysburg to the lower part of Columbia County, this state, where he died in 1870 at the age of seventy-two years. In politics the father was an ardent Republican, having formerly been a Whig, but he never sought office. He was an active and influential member of the Lutheran Church. To him and his beloved wife was born a family of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy, and the others were reared as follows: Abram; William, who was killed in a coal-breaker August 8, 1854, at Green Ridge, Pa.; Lavinia, widow of David Everett; Samuel, a farmer residing at New Media, Columbia County, Pa.; Benjamin, who is in the employ of the Dupont Powder Company, at Ashland, Pa.; Daniel, who resides in Mount Carmel; David, the subject of this sketch; Mary, the wife of Jacob Culp of West Shamokin; Hannah, wife of Joseph Boyer of Mount Carmel; Sarah, who is Mrs. Joel Cox and resides near Millville, Columbia County, Pa.



Our subject, David Camp, was reared in Columbia County and he received a meagre education. He attended a "subscription school" and up to the age of twenty-one years educated himself by reading and hard study, at the same time learning his trade as a carpenter with his father. When he reached his majority, in 1854, David set out on his own account and removed to Bear Gap, remaining there two years; then moved to Mount Carmel, where he resided one year; he then went to Centralia, in 1859, where he conducted a drugstore for five years, doing unusually well in that and in his trade, building many of the largest coal-breakers. In 1872 Mr. Camp removed to Mount Carmel and engaged in the lumber business, in addition to following his trade as a builder. For thirteen years he was so engaged, building as many as thirty houses in one year and putting up many of the most substantial and modern residences and stores erected in Mount Carmel during the period of time referred to. He later engaged in the real estate business and, being far-sighted and a good judge of values, was very successful. In November, 1866, he engaged in business as a general merchant and for several years conducted one of the largest and best general stores in Mount Carmel. In 1894 he practically retired from active business operations and has since devoted part of his time to the interests he holds in some of the principal corporations of Mount Carmel.

Mr. Camp was one of the organizers and is president of the Mount Carmel Iron Works; he was one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Banking Company and is its vice-president, which position he has faithfully and satisfactorily filled since the company began business; he has been president of the People's Building & Loan Association since its formation in 1894.

In politics our subject is an enthusiastic and active Republican. In 1890 he was the nominee of his party for the legislature, but suffered defeat with the rest of the ticket of his party, making a run, however, which amply demonstrated his great popularity with the voters in the district. He has served as overseer of the poor for two terms, as a member of the school board for two or three terms and as a member of the borough council several terms. Mr. Camp is a prominent member of Mount Carmel Commandery No. 22, Knights of Malta; also of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 378, F. & A. M., and Mount Carmel Lodge No. 630, I. O. O. F.

Twice has Mr. Camp been happily united in the marriage relation. His first marriage was to Lavinia Persing, daughter of Peter and Mary (Taylor) Persing of Columbia County, two children being born of the union: Edward A., who is engaged in business in the Michigan copper region; and Robert E., who resides in Mount Carmel. His second bride was Phoebe, sister of his first wife, by whom he has had a family of twelve children, seven of whom are living, as follows: Ida, wife of Robert Davis, a merchant who does a prosperous business in Mount Carmel; Joseph, a pattern-maker, who resides in Mount Carmel; Stella, May, Garfield and Carrie, who are at home; and George W., who is in the employ of the Mount Carmel Iron Works. The other children died in their infancy.

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**D**R. JOHN A. ELLIOTT, the oldest leading physician and surgeon of Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pa., was born in Union County, Pa., in 1842, and is a son of William and Christiana (Knox) Elliott.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was of Scotch-Irish extraction, located in Northumberland County when a young man, and worked at the carpenter trade. He was said to be a very large man, over six feet in height and of powerful strength, but with a quiet disposition. He married between the ages of forty and forty-five; his wife died at the birth of their only son, Alexander. After this our subject's great-grandfather formed a second marriage with a lady near Pottsville and resided there until his death.

Alexander Elliott, the paternal grandfather, was born May 29, 1777, and at the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed to a hatter in Reading, Pa., where he remained until he was twenty-one. He then went into business for himself, and manufactured soft hats for several years. He died February 5, 1835. He married Mary Morrow and subsequently her sister, Florinda Morrow. By the first marriage were born eight children, as follows: Benjamin J.; Mary; Thomas; Margaret; Sarah; William; Ann; and Samuel. By the second marriage were born three children: Simon, James, and Isabelle.

Our subject's father, William Elliott, was born in Northumberland County, November 5, 1814, and was educated in the public schools. He worked for his father and learned the hatter's trade, but, being dissatisfied and not wishing to follow in his father's footsteps, at the age of fifteen he started out for himself. He began at ditch digging, worked on the canal and also at farming. During the winters he worked for his board and attended school, paying for his own tuition. In this way, getting a fair start, he carried on farming, and also owned and conducted a canal grocery. In company with Henry Wenck he bought a half interest in a grocery business and carried on a successful trade on the canal. This he

continued until the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad was opened, when he became the first agent, and afterwards did railroad contracting, building the Bennet's Branch, Oil Creek, Pa., and Erie, at Williamsport. Mr. Elliott was then appointed state canal commissioner and superintendent of the canal from Juniata River to Northumberland, and later to Milton. In 1880 he was elected to the State Legislature. This ambitious gentleman owned many farms and several hundred acres of land which he kept in the best possible condition. Among the farms were those of C. Kohl; J. Heckard; Kaler; Oscar Leighon; W. H. Deihl; C. M. Stern; and also many others. He bought the Rev. Smith property, on the corner of Water and King streets, which was formerly owned by J. Jenkins. This property Mr. Elliott entirely remodeled into a large and modern four-story brick building, the largest in the county at that time. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and a stanch Democrat, holding many borough offices and serving as school director for twenty-five years. Mr. Elliott was a man of noble character and lofty ambitions, and became one of the most prominent and respected men in his section of the state, and when his death occurred in 1896 he was greatly mourned by all. He married Christiana Knox in 1837, and her death occurred at the age of sixty-one, in 1875. The children resulting from this union were: Emily, who married Charles Davis; Anna; May J., who married A. Hartley; and John A., our subject.

John A. Elliott, the subject of this biography, was educated in the public schools and at Freebury College. He read medicine with Dr. Beard and Dr. Kunca of New York, and was graduated from Bellevue College, New York, in 1874, practicing there for five years. At the end of

that time he moved to Northumberland, Northumberland County, his present location, where, with his thorough knowledge of his profession, he has built up one of the largest practices in the county. If it were not for his strong constitution and perfect health he would be unable to answer the numerous calls for his assistance. Dr. Elliott is a fine-looking man, with the quiet manners and tastes of a gentleman, and for his kindly, pleasant ways he is greatly loved and respected. He married Jennie Jackson, daughter of Mordecai Jackson of Berwick, and she departed this life at the age of twenty. Dr. Elliott resides on his father's homestead, where he also has his office. For twenty years he has been a Mason, being a member in all the degrees to the K. T. He is also a charter member of the Scottish Rite of Bloomsburg.

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REV. JOHN CH. KONSTANKIEWICZ was born June 10, 1859, and received his education in Austria, completing four lower normal classes in Przemyśl, and eight gymnasial classes in Lemberg and, passing an examination of maturity, he entered the theological department of the University of Lemberg. He completed the theological course in four years after which he was ordained by the Bishop of Przemyśl. After passing examination of maturity, he served one year as a solicitor in the Austrian Army according to the prescribed law of Austria.

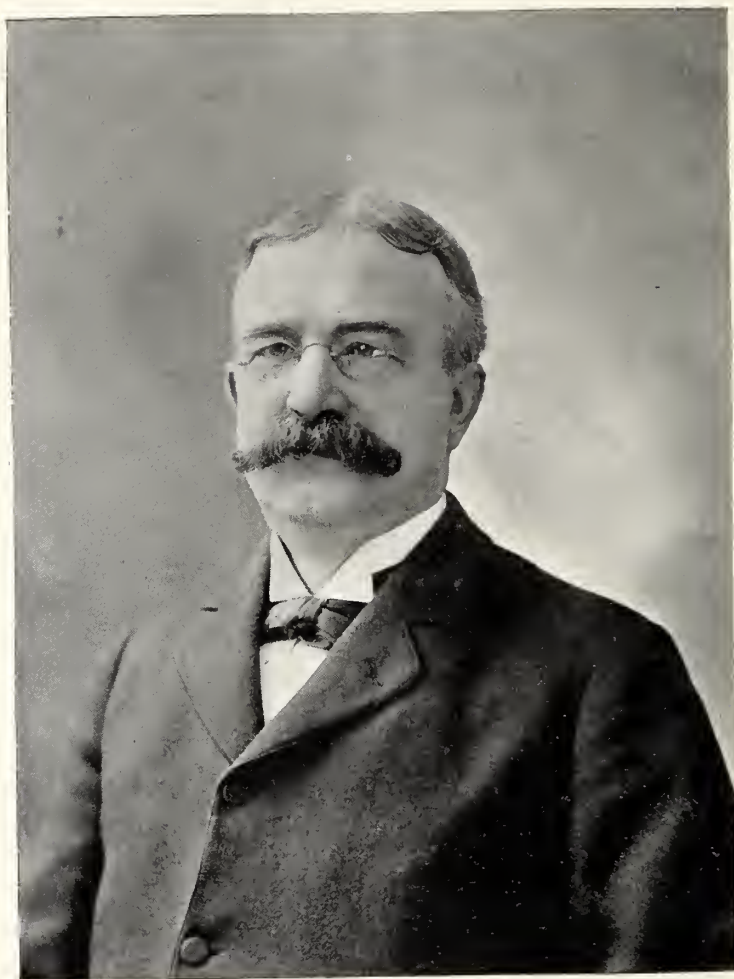
After being ordained our subject assumed the duties of an assistant in a church of Jaroslaw, where he was also appointed by the minister of war to the office of army chaplain with the 20th Regiment, Infantry, which office he held for three years, after which he assumed charge of a parish in the village of

Falin where he remained eight years. In 1893 he came to the United States and located in Shamokin, Pa., and took permanent charge of the Russian Catholic Church. His work here and a brief history of the work of the church is here set forth: Philip Murdza, John Glowa, Mike Demczko, John Madzelan and Anthony Luczkowec were the first Ruthenian immigrants who came to Shamokin from Galicia, Austria, in 1880. Many others soon followed, but owing to their small numbers and lack of funds with which to build a church for themselves and maintain a priest, they at first affiliated with St. Stanislaus Kostki's Polish Catholic Church, which financially assisted this church, and helped to maintain the priest thereof.

The Ruthenians were illy treated, however, both by the priest and many of the Poles; the chief cause of this lay in the difference between the Polish and Russian rites, although both classes are Catholics, having the same religious beliefs and the Holy Father for the highest authority of the church. The Ruthenians, nevertheless, use their mother tongue, the ancient Slavonic language, in all their church rites. This language is understood by all Ruthenians; while the Poles use the Latin language in all their church rites. The dissatisfaction thus created compelled the Ruthenians to erect their own church edifice. Energetically setting to work and raising the necessary funds in their own midst, they succeeded in seeing the desires of their souls completed in 1889, corner of Pearl and Pine streets. The same year the church was consecrated by Rev. John Wolanski, the first Russian Catholic priest in America, holding at that time the pastorate of the Russian Catholic Church at Shenandoah, Pa. He administered to this church until 1890 when, according to the request of the parishioners, Rev.







HENRY EYRE DAVIS.

Th. Obuszkiewicz came to Shamokin; he however remained only one year, when he moved to Oliphant, Pa.

In accordance with the ardent desires of the Russian parishioners, Rev. J. Ch. Konstankeiwicz was sent here from Europe by superior authority and took charge of the parish, May 1, 1893, and has since remained at the head of the church. Thenceforth the parish increased in property and grew in number of parishioners until to-day the number in the congregation reaches 1,300 and the value of church property exceeds \$15,000. The church property includes the following: Church building, the parsonage at Franklin and Pine streets, cemetery, two lots located near the Catholic Parochial School building between Shamokin and Franklin streets,—these lots were purchased from John Mullen for \$8,000 and upon this will be built a church and parsonage as soon as sufficient funds are raised. Connected with the church are four societies with a membership of 630, a reading department, a band, a political club, and a school. Children attend the parochial school for three years in order to familiarize themselves with the native tongue and subsequently enter the public schools.

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**H**ENRY EYRE DAVIS. Judging by results there seems to be something in the atmosphere of Pennsylvania which develops talent for practical affairs. In every section of the Commonwealth there are to be found young men who have disclosed tact and capacity for business enterprises, and without the class schooling, which is applied elsewhere, they master the details and conquer the intricacies of commercial life. Among those who have conspicuously achieved this distinction is Henry E. Davis, of Sunbury,

Pa., whose portrait precedes this sketch. He was born in Selinsgrove, Snyder County, on June 7, 1845, and is a son of James K. and Agnes (Swineford) Davis. He was always a bright and industrious boy. He received his rudimentary education in the public schools, and took a course in the Selinsgrove Missionary Institute, a modest but efficient institution of learning, which won deserved praise in the state in its time.

At the age of twenty years young Davis began his business career and has been active in affairs ever since. His first experience was as clerk in a store in his native town, in which position he served one year. Then he removed to Meadville, Pa., where he obtained a position in a large retail dry goods store and remained a year. In 1867 he entered the First National Bank of Sunbury, Pa., the most extensive institution of its kind in that section. He remained there some years and mastered every detail of the business. But the arduous nature of the work impaired his health and he was compelled to relinquish the position and seek employment of a less confining character.

In 1871 he became the representative of Hall Brothers & Co., a Baltimore firm, which was the sole agent for the sale of anthracite coal mined by the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company and the Lykens Valley Coal Company, both companies being owned and controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His district embraced Pennsylvania and the West, and his office was located in Sunbury. He held this important relation to the business interests of his community for ten years. At the expiration of that time he severed his connection with the firm he served so long, so faithfully and so well, and went into the business of buying and shipping anthracite coal on his own account. The venture

met with gratifying success from the outset, and has been prosecuted with characteristic energy ever since. Some years ago he added to his business the industry of mining and shipping bituminous coal from mines which he acquired in Somerset County, Pa.

Mr. Davis has always been one of the most progressive citizens of his adopted home, and every enterprise which promises the promotion of the business and the development of the material interests of the community has found in him a willing promoter. He was first president of the Sunbury & Northumberland Street Railway, which was built by Hon. S. P. Wolverton, F. P. Abercombie and himself. He is president and general manager of the Bethel Coal Company, of Somerset County, Pa.; a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury, the institution in which he spent several years of his early life; and a director of the First National Bank of Selinsgrove. He was also president and one of the foremost promoters of the Sunbury Electric Light & Power Company, which was among the first and is now among the most perfectly equipped electric plants in the Commonwealth. In addition to that he has always been among the first and most active men in the community to advocate progressive ideas and improvements in the affairs of the town, and many of the advanced steps which mark Sunbury as among the leading towns in the interior of the state are traceable to his enterprise and foresight. He is a trustee of the Mary M. Packer Hospital of Sunbury.

Mr. Davis is an active and earnest Democrat. Naturally a man of his progressive spirit would be called upon by his party to serve in official capacity, and he has proved himself not only useful, but faithful, in the discharge of municipal functions imposed on him in town council, the school board and

other honorary capacities. He has frequently been delegate to state and county conventions, and has discharged every trust which he has accepted with scrupulous fidelity and notable intelligence. But he has never consented to take an office of emolument, and to those who have suggested such compliment his invariable answer has been that he had too much business to attend to, to sacrifice his time in the discharge of public duties, which there were plenty of competent persons willing to assume. But while he thus abstained from political aspirations on his own account, he has always been zealous and active in the advancement of his friends, and thus exercised an important influence in the affairs of the county.

Of honorary offices, however, he has had a full share, and in 1876 the Democrats of Northumberland County named him for state senator, but he readily yielded the district nomination to his friend, Hon. A. H. Dill. When Mr. Dill resigned to become the Democratic candidate for governor two years later, the eyes of the party naturally turned to Mr. Davis, but he was among the first earnest advocates of Hon. S. P. Wolverton. In 1878 he was a member of the state committee, and in 1880, during the Hancock campaign for presidency, was on the electoral ticket for the Twenty-seventh Congressional District. In 1886 he was one of the secretaries of the Democratic State Convention, and was an earnest advocate of the nomination of Hon. William A. Wallace for governor. In 1898 he received the Democratic nomination for Congress. He has always been a liberal contributor to the party campaign funds and is regarded by the Democratic leaders of the state as one of the safest party counsellors and most sagacious political advisers.

On October 18, 1869, Mr. Davis was mar-



ried to Kate C. Haas, a member of one of the most respected families of Sunbury. The fruits of the union are two accomplished daughters, Helen A. and Mary C. Mr. Davis lives with his family in a beautiful and comfortable home in Sunbury, the hospitalities of which he takes delight in dispensing to strangers visiting the town.

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**M**RS. ANNIE P. TAGGART, an estimable lady and esteemed resident of Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pa., is the widow of Col. David Taggart, both being descendants of the pioneer settlers of Northumberland County.

The great-grandfather of our subject's husband was Thomas Taggart, who was united in marriage with Mary Vanderbilt. Thomas Taggart was born in Ireland May 10, 1728, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He immigrated to the United States and settled, with his brother Robert, in Philadelphia, where he engaged in the mercantile business. In 1775, when Northumberland was becoming a center of this section, although there were but few houses in the village, Mr. Taggart moved there with his wife, who was a native of Philadelphia, and entered the mercantile business. His store was located on the corner of Queen and Front streets, and, being a man of means, he became the leading merchant of the place. He died April 13, 1788, and his wife died in 1805. Their children were: Elizabeth, born June 15, 1753, married William Bonham; Christiana, born May 12, 1755, married Mr. Staple; Robert, born February 13, 1757; John, born June 30, 1759, died in infancy; Catherine, born September 6, 1760, married Capt. J. Painter; Thomas, born January 16, 1762; Mary, born January 19, 1765, married Mr. Patterson; John, born July 11, 1767, died

young; David, born February 21, 1769; William, born October 3, 1771, died in infancy; William, born August 6, 1773; M. James, born January 1, 1780.

David Taggart, the paternal grandfather, was born in Philadelphia. He was a merchant, very prominent in politics, being an unswerving Democrat, and though a very young man, was active in all business and political affairs. He died at an early age, May 17, 1812. He married Mary McCalla of Bucks County, Pa., who was born September 13, 1764, and attained a good age. Several children resulted from this union, namely: John, born April 12, 1796; James, who became a prominent merchant and owner of packets on the canal; Mary, who married Alexander Colt; and Sarah, who married L. C. McCormick.

John Taggart, our subject's father-in-law, was a well-educated man. One of his first business enterprises was the large brewery which was located near the steamboat landing, but later was sold to give place to the canal, and Mr. Taggart was appointed canal commissioner by Gov. Joseph Ritner. He married Hannah Collon Huston, and their children, all prominent men and women, are as follows: Col. David: Matthew Huston, born February 18, 1824, teacher, attorney, merchant and nail manufacturer, who married thrice, to Rebecca McCurly, Elizabeth McCurly and Ella G. Royer, respectively; Hannah, born September 10, 1827, married Dr. Joseph Priestly; James, born February 4, 1827, who served in the Rebellion, and when he received promotion to captain formed Company B, 5th Pa., in his own store. The elder John Taggart was charter member, stockholder and director of the First National Bank at Northumberland, and was also president of the bank from April 30, 1840, to No-



vember 26, 1850, resigning at the end of that time. He married Hannah C. Huston of Philadelphia, who was born in Berks County, Pa., February 22, 1796, and was a daughter of Matthew and Hannah (Cox) Huston. Their children were: John K., born November 12, 1829, became clerk in the paymaster's department in the army; Mary, born June 13, 1831; and Francis A., born February 26, 1833, who for many years has been employed in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia.

Col. David Taggart, our subject's husband, attended the common schools and the academies at Dickinson and Milton, and then read law with Ebenezer Greenough of Sunbury. He began the practice of his chosen profession in Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pa., and later in life was appointed paymaster in the regular army, serving many years in the West and South, and giving entire satisfaction until he resigned. Col. Taggart was very much interested in agricultural life, and for some years was president of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society. He was nominated and ran for governor of the state, but was defeated by A. G. Curtin. Col. Taggart was elected to the State Senate before the war and served three terms, the last three years as speaker of that body. He was also chairman of the Whig State Central Committee; also served as school director and held a number of offices in the borough. His death occurred on June 30, 1888, and he was much mourned by all in the community. On May 5, 1848, he married Annie P. Cowden, a daughter of John H. and Hannah (Pleasants) Cowden.

John H. Cowden, our subject's father, was born in Northumberland County, and was a son of John Cowden, who was born in Ireland and came to this country and settled in North-

umberland County, becoming one of the earliest merchants in that section. He was postmaster from 1795 until January 12, 1837. His store and residence was sold in 1836, when he retired from business. He married Sarah Hopewell, and they both lived to an old age. Their children were: an infant son, unnamed; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Wallace; Deborah, who married a Scotch artist, William McQuhar, who painted a miniature portrait of Robert Burns, the poet, from life; Sarah, who married Judge Merrill of New Berlin, Pa.; Mary, who married Judge Bradford; Rebecca, who married James Hepburn; John, our subject's father; and Anna M., who married Judge Donaldson.

John H. Cowden, the father of our subject, was a merchant, also president of the West Branch Bank at Williamsport. He was a very successful business man and amassed a large fortune. For some years he was owner of the beautiful Packer Island. He departed this life at the age of sixty-four; his wife, formerly Hannah Pleasants, died at the age of twenty-seven. They were blessed with four children, as follows: John, who died at the age of forty-six; Annie Pleasants, our subject; Sarah H., who married Capt. James Taggart; and Hannah P., who lives in West Virginia, and married William Potter Withington.

Since Col. Taggart's death, Mrs. Taggart has bought the Martin property on Queen street, where she now resides. Her children are: Helen T., who married David H. Clark, now deceased, and lives in New York City; John C., who died at the age of six years; Hannah C. H., of Northumberland, Pa.; and James, a farmer of Northumberland, Pa. Mrs. Taggart is a woman of great refinement and of admirable character and disposition. She has a taste for literary work and is a splendid conversationalist. Through-





STANLEY S. MERITHEW.

out the vicinity she is known and loved for her kind and charitable deeds.

STANLEY S. MERITHEW, an enterprising and progressive farmer and business man of Forks township, Sullivan County, Pa., whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a veteran of the Civil War, in which he participated in many engagements and established an excellent record for bravery and coolness in the time of danger. He is a son of Merritt and Polly (Northrup) Merithew, and was born in Wysox township, Bradford County, Pa., in 1837.

Our subject is of English descent, his great-grandfather, Merritt Merithew, having come from England and located in Salem, Mass., early in the eighteenth century. His grandfather was Samuel M. Merithew, who was born in Salem, Mass., in 1752, and removed to Wysox township, Bradford County, Pa., in 1812, and purchased what is now known as the Strickland farm. Though well advanced in years, he continued to follow the occupation of a farmer until he was four-score-and-five years of age. He then went to live with his son-in-law, James English, at whose home he died in 1849, having attained the rare age of ninety-seven years. He was the progenitor of the following children: Hiram; Samuel; Lydia; Merritt; Lafayette; Lloyd; and Della. Politically, he was a Democrat; his religious opinions conformed with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Merritt Merithew, the father of our subject, was born in Salem, Mass., in 1810, and was but two years old when he moved to Pennsylvania with his parents. He was reared on his father's farm and obtained what education

he could pick up, for the public-school system was not then in existence. At an early age he learned the trade of a whipmaker and also that of a shoemaker and, although he was practically a farmer by occupation, he followed those trades off and on throughout life. While in the prime of life he purchased what was known as the William Hinman farm in Monroe township, Bradford County, which consisted of one hundred acres on the Burlington turnpike. This property he cultivated until 1866, when he disposed of it to our subject. Politically, he was always a loyal and unswerving Republican and always voted for the principles and candidates of that party. Religiously, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Polly Northrup, by whom he had the following children: Phoebe, who married U. M. Cox; Wealthy Jane, the wife of C. F. Yonkin, of Forks township; Charlotte, who died in 1848; Rosanna, who married A. R. Moe, of Tompkins County, N. Y.,—Mr. Moe is dead and his widow resides in Rochester, N. Y.; Stanley S.; George, who married Mary Goss, and now lives at Towanda; and John, who married Mary Williams, and also lives at Towanda. Mr. Merithew was called to his final rest in 1879.

Stanley S. Merithew obtained his education in the common schools of Wysox township and in the old academy at Towanda. Soon after leaving school he learned the trade of a miller, which he followed at different times for many years. In 1863 he enlisted in the 34th Reg., N. Y. Independent Battery, and rendered distinguished service in the following battles: Vicksburg, Miss., July 4, 1863; Siege of Jackson, Miss.; Blue Springs, Tenn.; Lenoir Station, Tenn.; Campbell Station; Siege of Knoxville; Rutledge; Wilderness; Spottsylvania; on the left of Spottsylvania; North



Anna; Salem Church; Gaines' Farm; Cold Harbor; and before Petersburg, June 18, 1864, and remained there nine months and sixteen days, until Lee's surrender. He was mustered out June 27, 1865, at Hart's Island, N. Y., after which he returned to Bradford County, Pa., locating at Monroeton, where he was made postmaster. In 1873 he bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of coal and wood land in Westover township, Clearfield County, Pa., which he still owns and which is a valuable estate. In 1883 our subject moved to Campbellville, Sullivan County, and in the same year was appointed assistant postmaster there, which office he held for thirteen years, in connection with which he operated a flour and feed mill, which is now owned by Norton & Hotteinstein. In 1896 he rented the F. C. Weuck farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, in the northwest part of Forks township, upon which he is now located. Besides engaging in general farming he conducts a general store, which is well patronized. He is widely known throughout that section and is highly respected by all with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. Merithew was united in marriage with Mary Ellen Rockwell, a daughter of Allen and Catherine (Cole) Rockwell, who were the parents of the following offspring: William; Lemuel; Liza; Elizabeth; Franklin; Mary; Ellen; Sally; and Reuben. Our subject and his wife are the proud parents of three children, namely: Portus L., who married Rose Bullock; George N., deceased; and Hattie Belle, whose union with Charles Phflaum is blessed with three children,—Portus Leon, Genevieve, and Wilhelmina. Politically Mr. Merithew is strongly affiliated with the Republican party, the principles of which he believes to be the foundation upon which rests the future prosperity of our country. Socially

he is past grand-master of Burnside Lodge No. 679, I. O. O. F., and a member of Swartz Post, No. 72, G. A. R., of Albany, Pa.

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**R**EV. WILLIAM E. FISCHER, the esteemed and honored pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Shamokin, Northumberland County, is a son of John Henry and Eliza (Gilbert) Fischer. He was born October 6, 1849, in Berlin, Somerset County, Pa., and received a practical education in the public schools of his native place. After teaching a couple of years in Somerset County he entered the preparatory department of the Pennsylvania College, from which he graduated in 1872. Having decided to fit himself for the ministry he entered the theological seminary, graduating in 1875. He at once took charge of a congregation at Center Hall, where he was so well liked by his parishioners that they retained him for eighteen years.


September 14, 1893, our subject accepted the pastorate of Trinity Lutheran Church at Shamokin, where his labors are fully appreciated by his congregation. His labor in Shamokin has been fruitful of much good, both in his church and the community at large. Being a man of more than ordinary ability, of warm and generous heart, supplemented with deep convictions and Christian fervor, he is the friend of all. In times of trouble and deep distress he is with his people in heart and full sympathy; on joyful occasions no one adds more to the pleasant hour. He has made many changes and improvements in the church, having thoroughly remodeled the edifice. His popularity and successful management are shown in the fact that the membership of the church has been great-

ly increased, having now 654 members enrolled. Rev. Mr. Fischer also enjoys the distinction of having rare literary talent and has been a regular correspondent for two of the church papers of his denomination for the past seven years. He also has prepared a number of Children's Day services in music, and contributes many articles to the Lutheran Quarterly. Since his connection with the ministry he has served the church as delegate to the general synod about twelve times. His services are frequently sought to make addresses on public occasions, such as commencements, anniversaries, etc. In 1897 the Susquehanna University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Our subject is one of a family of twelve children, many of whom have led remarkable careers and deserve a place in this sketch, as does also his father, a man of superior education and ability.

John Henry Fischer, father of our subject, was a native of Germany, and was born at Hessen Cassel, on the River Lahn, in 1812. At the age of twenty he immigrated to America and first located near Berlin, Somerset County, Pa., and afterward moved to Berlin. He was a man of more than ordinary education and for years was a correspondent for a German paper published in Germany in the home of his boyhood. He was a shoemaker by trade and when not occupied at his bench he pursued his literary work. He was a close student and a careful reader, thereby acquiring much valuable information. Being a devout member of the Lutheran Church he took quite an active part in all church work. Elizabeth Gilbert became his wife; she also was born in 1812, and survived her husband twenty-one years, he having departed this life in 1872, while she lived until September 11, 1893, having reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. Our subject and the following

named are the most prominent of their numerous family: Henry, who was a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School, and afterward held the important and responsible office of county superintendent of schools of Bedford County, Pa.,—he discharged the duties of this office with rare ability for three terms and is now principal of the Seventeenth Ward schools of Pittsburg; John, who read law, published a paper for a number of years in Bedford County, Pa., now resides with a son, who is a very successful attorney at Altoona, Pa.,—he has been prominent in Bedford County politics and frequently mentioned for the legislature; Rev. A. H. Frank, who took a college course at the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, after which he prepared himself for the ministry by taking a complete theological course at the Gettysburg Seminary,—he graduated in 1883, and since then has labored in the "vineyard of our Master," now being located at Easton, Pa.; Tobias, whom the goddess of Fortune guarded with a jealous arm, was a soldier in the Union Army and passed through the entire Civil War,—he was taken prisoner by the Rebels and carried by them to the famous Libby Prison, and to Salisbury, N. C., from which he escaped; Philip, a popular editor of an educational journal, resides in California, and has served as county superintendent of Alameda County, Cal., for three years.

Our subject was united in marriage with J. Annie Philson, and their home has been made happy by the presence of three children: Marion L.; Ella P.; and William B.

ILLIAM F. JOHNSON, who has been serving in the responsible position of inside-foreman at Buck Ridge Colliery since 1888, enjoys the distinction of hav-

ing traveled extensively throughout Europe, Australia, and India. He is a son of Matthew and Martha (Foster) Johnson, and was born July 6, 1851, in Cramlington, Northumberland County, England.

When two years old our subject was taken to Australia by his parents where he was reared and educated in the common schools. In 1867 he returned to England, but shortly afterward located in Westphalia, Germany, where he was engaged in what was termed "sinking" in connection with coal mining. He remained in Germany until 1873, at that time immigrating to this country and locating in Bear Valley, Northumberland County, Pa. In 1875 he accepted a position at Reynoldsville, Jefferson County, Pa., as foreman for Heim & Goodwill, where he remained until 1876; returning to Bear Valley, he continued to work there until the company sold out to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, after which he was inside-foreman at the same colliery until 1888, when he was transferred to his present position at Buck Ridge. Deeds speak louder than words, and the fact that he has retained his position for the past ten years is high tribute to his ability and worth.

Matthew Johnson, father of our subject, was never in America, but left England for Australia in 1853, located in Ballarat, and engaged in mining gold. He returned to England in 1867 and remained there until his death, which occurred in 1874, at the age of forty-eight years. He had a family of five children, whom he named: John, formerly a miner, now a merchant in Shamokin, Pa.; Matthew, now a gold miner in the mountains of Colorado; Susan, wife of Thomas Graves, and resides in England; Martha, who is a head-nurse in an asylum in England; and William F., the subject of our sketch.

We now return to our subject, who was united in marriage with Margaret Jane Goodwill, daughter of John Goodwill and niece of Robert Goodwill, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Our subject and his estimable wife are blessed with a family of six boys: Matthew, who married Elizabeth Jones, resides in Shamokin, and is a water-tender in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., at Buck Ridge Colliery; John, who married Agnes Daniels and is a miner at Buck Ridge; Robert, a pump engineer at the same mines; Franklin, Sidney and William, who are at home preparing themselves for the battle of life by getting a good education. Politically our subject is an earnest Republican and believes the principles of that party will best advance the interests of his country.

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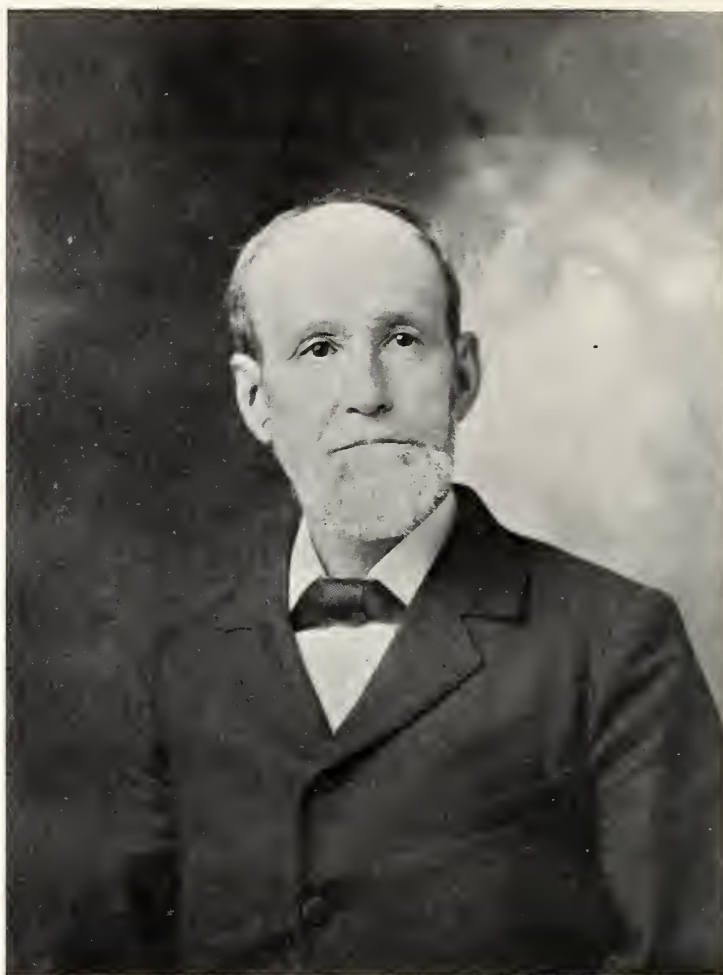
**D**R. JOHN C. FAUGHNAN, a skilful veterinary surgeon of Shamokin, Pa., was born April 17, 1865, in Lycoming County, near Williamsport, Pa., and is a son of Frank and Fanny (Crimmis) Faughnan.

Frank Faughnan, the father of our subject, was a native of Ireland, but came to the United States about 1848, and died where our subject was born and reared, at Bodines, Lycoming County, Pa.

Dr. John C. Faughnan, our subject, was educated in the common schools of his native place, worked upon the farm where he was reared and then engaged in the lumber business at the age of sixteen years, which he continued six years. At the age of twenty-two he entered the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, remaining there one year; then he entered the Ontario Veter-







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inary College of Toronto, Canada, from which he was graduated in 1890. In the spring of 1891 he located in Shamokin, Pa., where he is now practicing his profession. Since January 18, 1896, he has also engaged in the livery business. Dr. Faughnan is a member of the Veterinary Association of Schuylkill Valley, Pa.

In the spring of 1891, just prior to our subject's removal to Shamokin, he was appointed assessor of Gamble township, Lycoming County.

ROBERT M. CUMMINGS, a prominent and well-known attorney-at-law of Montandon, Northumberland County, Pa., a recent portrait of whom appears on the opposite page, was born in Chillisquaque township November 21, 1833, and is a son of William and Hannah (Erwin) Cummings.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Cummings, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in Londonderry, Ireland, immigrating to this country with his fifteen brothers and settling in Chester County, Pa. He was commissioned captain of a company in a Chester County regiment and served in the Revolutionary War until its close. In 1794 he went to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland County. There he bought between 300 and 400 acres of land, which had been taken up by Peter Boor in 1769. On this land Mr. Cummings carried on farming, after it had been cleared and improved generally, and also built and conducted a distillery. Part of this land he divided with our subject's father, and it was on this farm that Mr. Cummings departed this life, at the age of eighty years. His wife, whose

maiden name was Elizabeth Church, lies beside him in the Northumberland cemetery. Their children were: Ann, born April 29, 1782, died November 29, 1821, married a Mr. Fordsman; Thomas, born July 7, 1784; James, born December 7, 1786, was a farmer of Chillisquaque township; Elizabeth and Polly, born January 10, 1790, died in infancy; William, our subject's father, who was born November 19, 1791; John, born October 5, 1793; and Polly, born January 11, 1799.

William, the father of the subject of this personal history, settled on a part of the homestead and followed farming all his life. He remodeled and enlarged the original house; a part of the old house remains as it was in former days, being made of logs with weatherboard covering. William Cummings married Hannah Erwin, daughter of William and Mary Erwin. He died in 1865, and his wife passed away in 1883. Several children blessed their union. John Andrew Jackson, who was born without hands, in spite of the fact became an expert penman, received an excellent education, taught school, and for two terms served as register and recorder for Northumberland County; he was also the publisher of the latest maps of Northumberland, Montour and Columbia counties. He married Helen M. Sisty. Robert M., our subject, was the second child born to his parents. Mary Ann, who resides at Montandon, is the widow of Thomas T. Baker. Mr. Baker, a son of Jacob Baker, was born in Huntingdon County, Pa., and was one of the eight sons who served in the Civil War. He was a member of Company I, 192d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. He died at the age of sixty-one years. He was the father of the following children: Clara A.; Elmer E.; Ella J.; Carrie M. and Hannah Mary, postmistress of Montandon. Sarah Jane, who lives at Montandon, is the

widow of David Kingsberry, of Luzerne County. Annie C., the fifth child of William and Hannah Cummings, married Wesley Auten and resides in Baltimore. Harriet J., deceased, married J. W. Taylor. Margaret Agnes, who married Amandus Freize, resides on the old homestead. Eliza T. died at the age of seventeen years. William Cummings was an unswerving Democrat; he was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Robert M. Cummings, the subject of this biography, attended the common schools and Lewisburg Academy, later studying law with G. F. Miller, of Lewisburg. He was admitted to the Northumberland County Bar in 1859. In 1865, when there were only two buildings on the site, Mr. Cummings and his brother, John, purchased land and laid out what is now known as the village of Montandon. There our subject erected a large brick residence and office, where he carries on his practice. He has dealt extensively in real estate, and has done much to further the progress of the village. His practice has been mostly in the Orphans' Court and in cases involving real estate, and he has established an excellent reputation, his judgment being eagerly sought by people for miles around Montandon.

Mr. Cummings married Mary E. Albright, a daughter of John Albright, of Northumberland County, Pa., and late of Turbot township, that county. This marriage has been blessed by seven children, as follows: Clara Elizabeth, who married F. B. Irvin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and has three children, Miriam, Kathryn E. and Beulah E.; John W., who is a teacher by vocation; Herbert W., who, in partnership with Lewis Dewart, is engaged in the practice of law at Sunbury; Mary A. and Harriet J., both at home; and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Cummings has served for ten years on the school board. He has served officially in the Methodist Church, materially assisting to build the church edifice. Politically, he is a staunch Democrat and takes an active interest in the political affairs of the town. He is a member of Lodge No. 623, I. O. O. F., of Pottsgrove, and has served as district deputy grand master of Northumberland County. By all with whom he is acquainted Mr. Cummings is spoken of only in the highest terms and he is respected by every one.

FRANKLIN W. LUCKENBILL has won an important place among miners of the Seventeenth Congressional District, that of mine foreman of the North Franklin Colliery of Trevorton, Zerbe township. He began working in the mines as a slate-picker at the age of fourteen years, after which he began mining, worked his way up to promotion as fire-boss and finally advanced to his present position as mine foreman in 1893. He fills his position exceptionally well; all his success has been achieved by hard and well directed efforts on his part. He was born on Christmas Day, 1855, in Wayne township, Schuylkill County, Pa., is a son of William and Sarah (Yeich) Luckenbill, and grandson of Henry Luckenbill, who was a practical farmer and a valued resident of Schuylkill County, who died when the father of our subject was very young.

William Luckenbill, our subject's father, was born in 1835. Since 1869 he has lived in Branchdale and is still there spending his declining years. He is a strong believer in the principles of the Reformed Church and takes quite an active part in all church affairs. In his younger days he served as an officer of the church. He is a carpenter by trade and has



worked continuously at that calling all his lifetime. Our subject was one of a family of twelve children; seven boys and five girls, as follows: John, now deceased; Franklin W., our subject; William, engaged in the collieries at Branchdale; Emma Rebecca, who died in childhood; George, who is now a minister of the German Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,—he had exceptional educational advantages and made good use of them, is a graduate of Ursinus College, also of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa.; Alice, the wife of George Eisenburg, now residing at Minersville, Schuylkill County; Ida, wife of John Salem of Tremont, Pa.; Harvey, a miner at Branchdale; Charles, also a miner in his native town; Mary Ann, who is at home; and Emma and Edmond, both deceased.

Franklin W. Luckenbill was united in marriage with Mary L. Brodt, March 13, 1880, and their home is blessed with two bright and attractive daughters: Edna May, born December 4, 1889, and Bertha Estella, born March 9, 1891.

Our subject, just in the prime of his life, is filling his position of trust and grave responsibility to the best of his ability. He is an affable and congenial man and has a host of friends and acquaintances who delight in his prosperity.

Capt. Henry Brodt, father-in-law of our subject, well deserves mention in this sketch. He was a native of France, immigrated to America in 1850 at the age of seventeen years, locating at Llewellyn and continued to reside there until his death. He was a mason and plasterer by trade. He rendered valiant service to his country during the Civil War, enlisting in the Union Army as a private in Company A, 50th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., serv-

ing throughout the war, and was promoted to 2d and 1st lieutenant and finally to captain.

JOHN RAUP, one of the pioneer residents of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Pa., is now living a retired life, having spent many years in unceasing activity. He is a son of George and Martha (Marks) Raup, and was born in Roaring Creek township, Columbia County, Pa., November 23, 1830.

Mr. Raup is of German ancestry and is a grandson of Leonard Raup, a native of Germany, who, upon coming to the United States located in Eastern Pennsylvania, finally settling in Columbia County; during his entire life he followed the occupation of a farmer.

George Raup, the father of our subject, was born in Columbia County, Pa., where he made his home throughout his life. Like his father, he took to agricultural pursuits, in the prosecution of which he met with fair success. In religious attachments he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock with Martha Marks and their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Hannah, Rachel, Elizabeth and Polly, deceased; Henry, who lives in retirement in Columbia County; John, the subject of this biographical record; George, who resides at Elysburg, Northumberland County, and is a merchant; Jonas, who resides near Catawissa; David, a farmer who also resides near Catawissa, Columbia County; William, a farmer residing in Kansas; Solomon, who died young; and Charles, who also died young.

John Raup was reared and educated in Columbia County, attending the common schools in all but the summer months, when



he worked out. Just after attaining his majority he went to Danville, Montour County, Pa., having no means whatever, and there he worked at whatever employment he could get until 1854, when he removed to Mount Carmel. He was among the first residents of what is now a flourishing borough, but at the time there were but two houses in the village. He accepted a position in Schall's Powder Factory, remaining for a period of five years. He then enlisted in Company G, 129th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., served nine months and returned home May 20, 1863. He became a boss in the employ of the Coal Ridge Improvement & Coal Company. He was always faithful to the charge entrusted to him and remained in that capacity for ten or twelve years and then moved to Excelsior and accepted a similar charge. He was an industrious and energetic man and for the long period of nineteen years and eight months he discharged his duties in a manner above criticism, acquiring the good will and approval of his employers and the respect of his subordinates. In October, 1895, he returned to Mount Carmel, where he has since lived in retirement, in the midst of his family and a host of staunch friends.

Mr. Raup was united in marriage with Sarah J. Treaher, and the following children were born to them: Roland and Edward, deceased; Aaron, who resides in Sunbury, Pa.; Effie, deceased, who was the wife of George Hough; Charles, who is employed at the colliery at Excelsior; Lottie May; Minnie; Mary, the wife of Chester Williard; Harry, who lives at Atlantic City, N. J.; and Ray, deceased. Religiously our subject is a member of the Lutheran Church, of which he is a deacon. In politics our subject is a Republican. He has served three years as a member of the board of school directors and also three years in the borough council of Mount Carmel.

**J**OHN CARL, who by reason of his years of experience in connection with the mining interests, is widely known throughout the vicinity of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Pa., is superintendent of the collieries of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. He is a son of Henry and Catharine (Kline) Carl, and was born in Prussia, October 2, 1835.

Henry Carl, the father of our subject, was born in Germany, in which country he followed the occupation of a farmer, also that of a weaver for some time. In 1853 he immigrated to America and located at St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pa., where he took up the trade of a weaver. He continued at that until 1881, when he removed to Shenandoah and there spent the remaining years of his life, dying in 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. He was joined in Hymen's bonds with Catharine Kline, to whom were born the following offspring: Philopena, the wife of Peter Bauer; John, the subject of this personal history; Frederick; Anna, the wife of Adam Bonnersborough; Conrad; Peter; and Henry. In religious attachments Mr. Carl and his family were members of the Lutheran Church.

John Carl, our subject, was reared in his native country and there obtained his intellectual training in the public schools, after which, at the age of eighteen years, he came to this country with his parents. He began work in the mines and continued at that until the outbreak of the Civil War when he took up arms for the cause of the Union. On April 27, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, 9th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., but in the following August, he re-enlisted in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He remained in the service until the termination of the terrible struggle. He served with credit to himself and his regi-

ment, was cool and collected at critical moments, and was ever eager to discharge his full duty. After the close of the war he returned to Schuylkill County and was employed in the capacity of a miner from 1865 to 1867, when he became a superintendent in the colliery. He was three years later sent to Berks County by the company by which he was employed to look after ore mines in that section, but he remained but seven months. Returning to Schuylkill County he again became colliery superintendent and served as such for seven years, when he was appointed to his present position with supervision over seven collieries. He moved to Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, in March, 1879, where he has since been one of the most active and enterprising citizens. He is a man of high character, thoroughly conversant with the ways of the world, and is highly respected by his fellow-men. Politically he is a Republican and is a member of the local school board.

On September 26, 1865, Mr. Carl was united in marriage with Elizabeth Kline, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was a daughter of Leonard and Lena (Best) Kline. Leonard Kline, a native of Germany came to America with his family and located at St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pa., where he was an ore-worker in the mines. His union with Lena Best resulted in the birth of the following children: Mary, who died in Germany; Peter, who died in St. Clair; Christina, the wife of John Schaffer of Delaware, Schuylkill County; Helen, the wife of Frank Erb of Mahanoy City; Mary, the wife of Michael Hilbert, deceased, who resides in Mount Carmel; Lena, the widow of Joseph Tabold; John of Mount Carmel; Nicholas, a resident of Mahanoy City; and Elizabeth.

Our subject and his worthy wife are the

parents of eight children, as follows: John, who married Polinda Kramer, and is a superintendent of collieries at Mount Carmel; Peter, who married Carrie Philip, is also engaged in the same line of business; Mary, the wife of Charles Miller, who is engaged in the hotel business at Fountain Springs; Joseph; Lizzie; Millie; George; and Alice. Socially our subject is a member of the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, and the Grand Army of the Republic. Religiously he is connected with the Lutheran Church.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS, a very successful, energetic and enterprising business man of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, is a son of Abram and Anna (Whitehead) Williams. He was born near Centralia, Columbia County, Pa., December 7, 1859.

When twelve years of age, following in the footsteps of his father, the subject of this review, John P. Williams, began to earn his living by working about the mines at Girardville. He worked his way up until he was made loader-boss at the Shenandoah City Colliery which position he faithfully fulfilled for some time. He then removed to Strong, the mining suburb of Mount Carmel, where on September 7, 1892, he took the position of assistant inside-boss at the Pennsylvania Colliery. Mr. Williams is also engaged in the ice business in Mount Carmel, being a member of the firm of Cross & Company, extensive dealers in ice, his son-in-law, Mark Cross, being the active manager of the business.

In politics Mr. Williams is an active Republican. He was appointed postmaster at Strong a year after removing to Mount Carmel and engaging in the mines at Strong.

Fraternally our subject is a member of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 112, P. O. S. of A., of Shenandoah.

Mr. Williams won as his wife Mrs. Mary Williams, widow of Hector Williams, and their family consists of four very bright and interesting children: Ruth, who married Mark Cross of Sunbury on June 17, 1896, and they have one child, Stuart; Abram; Letitia, and John. In mining and in general business our subject has exhibited excellent ability and he has pushed rapidly to the front. He is regarded as one of the most energetic and progressive of the younger business men of Mount Carmel and his friends unite in predicting for him a very bright and prosperous business career.

Abram Williams, father of our subject, was a native of Wales where he was born in 1825. He left his native home and came to the United States when fourteen years of age. He first settled at Minersville, Schuylkill County, where he followed mining. Subsequently he went to the bituminous coal fields but later he returned to the anthracite fields and became a boss for the Rippler Colliery between Ashland and Centralia and he was a boss or superintendent in mines during the remainder of his active lifetime, excepting a brief period when he was engaged in the grocery business at Shenandoah. He was an earnest member of the Methodist Church in which he was very active. He died at the age of sixty-eight years, leaving these children: Jennie, born in 1850, who first married Thomas Gibson of Danville, Pa., and had one child, Anna, and whose second marriage was with William Wiest of Philadelphia; William, born in 1854; Abraham, born in 1857; Lizzie; John P., the subject of this review; and Adam. William is an assistant inside-boss at the Strong Colliery and married Hattie Worthly who has

borne him a son, Lear. Abraham, who married Mary Harris, is a fire-boss at the Shenandoah City Colliery and has three children: Annette, Lizzie and Abraham. Lizzie is the wife of Asbury Wilde, of West Pittston, Pa., a screen manufacturer, and they have five children: Harry, Kenneth, Harriet, Eugene and Leon. Adam was born January 26, 1868, worked about the mines in various capacities and in 1894 removed to the Pennsylvania Colliery where he has since been a stable-boss. He is a Republican and a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. He married Cora Moll on January 28, 1893, and to them have been born four children, as follows: Anna; Harold, who died in infancy; Cora; and Addison.

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**H**ENRY BEDFORD, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Elkland township, Sullivan County, Pa., was born in Yorkshire, England, September 22, 1822, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Secker) Bedford. Mr. Bedford has already passed beyond his three-score years and ten, the length of life allotted man; and, although he has had two strokes of paralysis, he and his friends still hope he may live at least to see the dawn of a new century and, if it be God's will, much longer.

Our subject's father came to America in 1822 and landed in New York City. Soon after he found employment in a starch factory at Bull's Head, New Jersey. He worked there for several years and then sent for his wife and children, who had remained in England. About this time he moved to Sullivan County, where he purchased a tract of land, now occupied by Thomas King. He built a suitable house and barns and busied himself clearing the land and cultivating the soil. In those



primitive days the women were very strong, able-bodied and accustomed to working out-of-doors. It was so with our subject's mother. She was as handy with the axe as her husband and assisted him in clearing and tilling the land, besides rearing a family of children; thus she accompanied him in a befitting manner through all trials and tribulations to prosperity. They had both attained the age of about seventy when the final summons came for them to lay down their earthly burdens and enter into rest. Their children were all born before coming to America. They were: John, Ann, Richard, James, Harriet, Jonas and Henry. Our subject's father was a strong believer in the principles taught in the old English Church. He was a sturdy, hard-working man, and was well liked by all who knew him.

Henry Bedford, our subject, lived the ordinary life of a boy on a farm in those pioneer days, and when grown to manhood, purchased 100 acres of the Thomas B. Merritt tract and laid the foundation of a fine farm. Later he added another 100 acres to it, this last purchase being off the Bishop White tract. All this was heavy timberland and in those days there was very little market for wood. Our subject had before him the gigantic task of clearing this land before he could cultivate the rich soil. This he accomplished, little by little, as by perseverance and patient effort he expects to accomplish all he sets out to do. He built a log house, like other pioneers of his day, and in time had the lower 100 acres cleared into fine fields, surrounded by wind-breaks. These fields he cultivated and they soon yielded him handsome returns; thus, by inheritance and by his own exertions, he became the owner of a fine farm of large dimensions, the greater part of which he cleared in the subsequent years of his occupancy.

With the exception of the few years in which he dealt in horse-rakes he has followed general farming. He has been a hard worker and of sterling worth to all. On September 10, 1846, our subject was united in marriage to Martha Ann Vaugh, who was born in 1825 and died in 1856, leaving four sons as a legacy to her husband. Three of these sons are now Methodist ministers. Her children were: Rev. Sylvester, who married Elizabeth Rathbone and now has a family of four children, Harry C., Dean, Anna, and Edna, located at Houghton, N. Y.; Rev. John N., who is a teacher in theology at Houghton, N. Y., where he lives with his wife, who was a Nellie Rud-duck, and has a bright little child named Alpha; Rev. Oliver, whose wife's name was Bertha Wing,—their home is blessed with two little ones, Clayton and Dena; and Sumner, who now has charge of the homestead farm,—he married Carrie Fields, and has the following children, Bruce, Lynn, Grace, Nellie and George, who died at the age of four. After the death of his first wife our subject contracted a second marriage, being united to Mary, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Brobst) Hunsinger, in 1859. She was born June 2, 1831, and has been a cheerful help-mate and companion for more than forty years, and is still a solace to Mr. Bedford in his old age. This second union was blessed with three children, namely: Cordelia, who died aged four years; Ulysses, who married Sarah Brackman, and was the father of twins, Edna and Edgar, now deceased; Clara, wife of Frank Black, who now reside in Delaware and have four children, Floyd, Mabel, Della, and Lulu Edna.

Mr. Bedford was for many years a strong adherent to the principles of the Republican party, but, believing that intemperance does more to ruin our nation than anything else, he became an ardent Prohibitionist. He never



sought office but was persuaded by his friends to serve as supervisor for a short time. Mr. Bedford was so firm in his belief in the doctrines of the Wesleyan Methodist Church that his three oldest sons became Wesleyan Methodist ministers as before-mentioned. This church grew out of a separation from the Methodist Church, the result of its connection with slavery. Wesleyan Methodists oppose all kinds of oppression, believing God to be the governor of nations and that the supreme authority of His revealed will should be acknowledged by the constitutions of states and nations.

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**W**ILLIAM R. PAULES, M. D. The subject of this narrative is one of the foremost physicians of the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and is a valued citizen of Danville, in which town he owns and conducts a large drug store. He was born in Marietta, Lancaster County, Pa., November 24, 1863, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Rumbaugh) Pau'es.

David Paules is of German descent and was born in Lancaster County, Pa. His father was one of the leading agriculturists of his community and, having been reared upon the farm, it was but natural that David should follow that occupation. Attaining his majority he purchased a farm near the village of Marietta and by his good management and industrious efforts he has accumulated a small fortune and has one of the best farms in Lancaster County. In the spring of 1898 Mr. Paules retired to the town of Marietta to enjoy the emoluments of his past progressive and honored life. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Elizabeth Rumbaugh and a family of eight children was born to them, all of

whom received a liberal education and are popular and well-to-do citizens in the communities in which they reside.

Dr. Paules was reared upon his father's farm, attended the district school until he was twelve years of age and then entered the high school and was graduated four years later. He then continued his studies at the Millersville State Normal School, from which he graduated with the class of 1883. He then engaged as a teacher, but not being satisfied with a position that afforded work only a few months in the year, he decided upon a medical career, and accordingly took up his studies with Dr. Norris, a prominent physician of Marietta. In 1886 he located in Danville and clerked in the drug store owned by Dr. S. Y. Thompson. He next entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and was graduated with the class of 1890. He soon after entered upon the practice of his profession at Danville, and has since followed it continuously with marked success. He also owns a neat and well-kept drug store, which has proven a profitable venture. He purchased the Grier property on the corner of Bloom and Ferry streets and has enlarged and rebuilt the same into a handsome residence.

Our subject wedded Florence Peifer, a daughter of George W. Peifer, and the following children have blessed their happy home, namely: Parvin Elwood, born July 24, 1892; and Mary Elizabeth, born June 15, 1897.

Dr. Paules is a member of Danville Lodge No. 780, I. O. O. F., and Lotus Conclave, I. O. H. His wife is a member of the Lutheran Church of Danville. Dr. Paules has labored diligently and industriously to perfect himself in his profession and has been remarkably successful. He is a popular man, has built up an extensive practice, and has won a place among the foremost of his profession.





SAMUEL McKAMEY.

**S**AMUEL McKAMEY, who for many years has efficiently served as foreman of the Pennsylvania Canal yards at Espy, Columbia County, is a progressive and enterprising citizen and is held in high esteem. He is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Caldwell) McKamey, and was born in Espy, Scott township, Columbia County, October 16, 1830.

The McKamey family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and Samuel McKamey, the father of our subject, was born in the North of Ireland. He emigrated from that country with his wife and one daughter. They first located in New York City, but soon after removed to Plymouth, Pa., where he lived for a few years. He then came to Espy, Scott township, where he lived until his death, aged sixty-two years. His trade was that of a weaver, which he followed throughout his life with fair results. During the War of 1812 he served as one of the emergency men. He was united in matrimonial bonds to Elizabeth Caldwell, by whom he reared a family of nine children, all of whom have passed away but our subject, as follows: Mary, who married George Shuman, of Maine township, Columbia County; Catherine, who was the wife of Samuel Boone, of Catawissa Valley; Dr. Alexander, who served as lieutenant in the company commanded by his uncle, Capt. James Caldwell, during the Civil War,—his uncle having been killed in an engagement, Alexander was made captain and served in that capacity until the close of the war,—prior to the war he had practiced medicine and, after its close, he went to Williamsburg, Blair County, where he practiced until his death; Isaac, who was a boatbuilder and justice of the peace at Espy; John, who was a chairmaker and painter at Espy; the others died in infancy. In religious attachments

Mr. McKamey was an adherent to the faith of the Episcopal Church.

Samuel McKamey, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of his native town and early in life learned the trades of a carpenter and stairbuilder, which occupations he followed until 1873, when the Pennsylvania Canal Company built a boatyard at Espy. He became one of the employees of that company, for whose interests he worked faithfully and conscientiously, and in 1883 he was promoted to the position of foreman and general manager of the yard. He has since conducted that business in a very satisfactory manner, although the business transacted now is but a shadow of that done in former times, owing to the advent of railroads in this vicinity, which have usurped a large share of the traffic. About twenty-five men are constantly under the supervision of Mr. McKamey. By his excellent methods of handling his men he not only derives the best possible results from their labor, but also retains their goodwill and respect. When Lee's invasion into Pennsylvania caused such a stir among the residents of this state, he, with a number of other patriotic citizens, volunteered his services and marched with them as far as Hagerstown, Md.

Mr. McKamey has twice been united in the holy bonds of wedlock, his first union being with Martha Hicks February 12, 1856, by whom he had ten children, namely: Ella, Elizabeth and Anna all died of scarlet fever within four days; Lottie, who died at the age of two years; Susie, who died at five; Sallie, deceased, who was the wife of Seymour Phoe; Jennie, who was the wife of J. M. Lehman, of Espy; and Anna and Blanche, who are at home. Mrs. McKamey was called to her eternal resting place in March, 1875, aged forty-five years. In May, 1876, our subject married



Mrs. Symantha Mordan, of Espy. Religiously, husband and wife are members of the M. E. Church, of which our subject is a trustee. Politically, Mr. McKamey is a Republican and has served as school director for three years. We are pleased to announce that a portrait of the subject of the foregoing biography appears on a preceding page.

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**D**AVID FRED REICHERT, wholesale agent, is one of the representative German-American citizens who are so prominent and active in the ranks of the responsible business men of America. Indeed, it is sometimes said that to be a German-American means to be a better citizen than the native-born American and in that respect Mr. Reichert is one of whom any nation might be proud. Honorable and upright in every way, he takes a deep interest in the welfare of his county and is ever ready to forward its interests, either by personal service, or financially, as seems most desirable. Mr. Reichert was born in Trevorton, Pa., April 21, 1862. He is a son of John Charles and Caroline (Yuengling) Reichert, and grandson of Gottlieb Reichert of Rohordorf, Germany, who spent his entire life in that country.

Not so with the father of our subject who was born in Rohordorf in 1819 and immigrated to this country when a lad, starting out in life with less than one dollar, thus giving an example of the courage and get-ahead spirit which has so fully descended to his son, the subject of our sketch. Before leaving his native country Mr. Reichert had learned the brewer's trade; but not immediately succeeding in getting work in that line he at once began to earn his living by hewing timber in and about the mines of Schuylkill County,

Pa., and spent two years in the mines at West Wood as a laborer. After a short time spent at that occupation, working at Swatara, near Tamaqua, Pa., he accepted the position of brewer with the Yuengling Brewing Company of Pottsville, Pa., where he remained for five years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Northumberland County where he, in company with Gottlieb Fritz, founded a brewery, now known as the Eagle Run Brewery and operated by Furmann & Schmidt. After three years of partnership, Messrs. Reichert and Fritz decided to separate their interests and that was done, the former selling out to the latter. Mr. Reichert then removed to Trevorton, Pa., where he accepted the position of wholesale agent for the Yuengling Brewing Company in Shamokin and Trevorton, this being in the year 1857; and at the same time was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to his present widow; he retained this position until his death on September 29, 1883. His wife, who is a daughter of Jacob Yuengling of Aldingen, Germany, and to whom he was married in 1857, is still living. Mr. Reichert was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church in Trevorton, Pa., and a regular attendant thereof. To his marriage four children were born: Mary, who is married to Clement Martz of Williamsport, Pa.; Caroline, who lives at home; David Fred, our subject; and Clara, the wife of Walter Grant of Philadelphia, Pa.

David Fred Reichert was educated in the public schools of his native town, Trevorton, and remained at home with his father until 1880, when he began to work in the mines; however, he only remained there for fifteen months, when he was so seriously injured that he was compelled to lay off for six months; at the end of that period he again entered the employ of his father and retained the position

until his father's death. That event caused the transfer of the business to his mother for one year, during which time he remained as manager. At the expiration of that period the business was put entirely into Mr. Reichert's hands, his mother retaining a nominal interest in it. As a wholesaler of beer and liquor, Mr. Reichert has a large trade and in connection with that he carries on a bottling business, putting up sodas, porters and beers. He is also interested in real estate in the vicinity of Trevorton. Politically Mr. Reichert is a Democrat and has filled several offices, showing the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen, having been township auditor for two terms, tax collector for one term, township treasurer for one term, and at the present writing he holds the position of township school director. Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Reichert is a devout Lutheran, and was largely instrumental in obtaining the funds for the erection of the fine church of the Lutheran congregation which now adorns the town of Trevorton, and upon which was expended nearly \$6,000, a large sum to be raised in a small town.

Mr. Reichert was married to Jane Dunkelberger, daughter of Simon S. Dunkelberger of Trevorton, Pa., June 7, 1887, and their union has been blessed with the birth of five children: Esther Mabel, born October 20, 1888; Bertha Clara and Frederick William (twins), born March 26, 1889; Charles S., born May 19, 1890; and Roy R., born September 10, 1896. As a good citizen, husband and father, Mr. Reichert stands among the first of Trevorton's influential men.

JOHN H. BECK, a prominent farmer of Rockefeller township, Northumberland County, was born in Fraley township, Schuylkill County, Pa., August 30,

1850. He is a son of John Jacob and Elizabeth (Shadel) Beck, of Lykens Valley, Dauphin County, Pa.

John H. Beck, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born in Northampton County, Pa., and settled in Lykens Valley, Pa., where he made a life-work of farming. He married Susan Greenswicht of Northampton County and the following children blessed their union: Daniel; John and David, twins; Jonathan; George; John Jacob, our subject's father; Polly; Harriet; Susanna; and Christianna.

David Shadel, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Northumberland County. He married Polly Hoffer of Lykens Valley and to them were born six children: Elizabeth, our subject's mother; Henry; Caroline; Sarah; Catherine; and Eve. He was engaged in the lucrative business of hat manufacturing and lived most of his life in Lykens Valley.

John Jacob Beck, our subject's father, was born June 24, 1820, and died May 15, 1883. He lived in Audenried, Pa., for several years and was a coal miner; he resided near Hazleton, Pa., three years. He was married in the spring of 1848 to Elizabeth Shadel, who was born in Schuylkill County, August 24, 1822, and after his marriage he moved to Rockefeller (then Lower Augusta) township, Northumberland County, and bought a farm of eighty acres of David Shipe, and there he lived until his death. He carried on general farming and later invested in more land and added to his farm. He was a Republican in politics, but preferred to advance his friends in office rather than himself. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church. Three children were born to our subject's parents, namely: John H.; David, who died at the age of seven years; and Louisa, who married W. B. Eister, Esq., a merchant and post-

master of Seven Points, Pa. John H. and Louisa were educated in the common schools of the neighborhood and have lived all their lives in Rockefeller township.

Our subject bought the old homestead and has since added to it so that he has now 260 acres of valuable land upon which he has raised a great deal of stock, but is now engaged in general farming. He was united in marriage January 2, 1868, to Abbie R. Zostman of Lower Augusta, a daughter of Daniel and Esther (Raker) Zostman, both of that township. Daniel Zostman, after the death of his first wife, was married the second time to Susanna Conrad of Lower Augusta. He was a tanner by trade and died in 1890. The children by his first union were: Sarah Ann; one, who died in infancy; Alexander; Harriet; William; Mary Jane; Rebecca; Catherine; Abbie R., our subject's wife; one, who died in infancy; Daniel; and Esther. Our subject and wife have had thirteen children, and do not consider the number unlucky, as follows: William Edward, born January 13, 1868, died April 21, 1872; David Albert, born May 6, 1871, married Alberta Dunkelberger, and is a dairyman at Irish Valley, Shamokin township, Northumberland County; Mary Alice, born August 26, 1872, married Harvey E. Miller, a butcher, at Sunbury, Pa.; Daniel J., a farmer of Rockefeller township, born December 13, 1873, married Emma J. Maurer, and has two children, Laura V., and Lloyd E.; George W., born June 18, 1875, and works on a pipe line at Buffalo Valley, Pa.; Harry Luther, born July 18, 1877, married Susanna Dunkelberger, and lives in Shamokin township; John Norman, born June 26, 1881; Susan Elizabeth, born October 12, 1883, and married Theodore P. Bennett of Columbia County; Franklin W., born January 20, 1886; Abbie M., born September 30,

1888; Kate F., born May 30, 1890; Esther N., born September 13, 1892; and Orville E., born July 23, 1895. The seven younger children live at home. Mr. and Mrs. Beck are members of the Lutheran Church. He has held many township offices; is a staunch Republican; is a member of Lodge No. 414, F. & A. M., at Elysburg, Pa., of which he is past master; a member of Camp No. 139, P. O. S. of A., of Seven Points.

Our subject is a good musician and has contributed to his own and others' enjoyment by playing the B-flat cornet for seven years in the Seven Points Band and tenor horn for five years in the same band. His hard work and sterling business qualities have brought the success which he deserves, the improvement of his property, and the respect and favor of the community in which he lives.

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**W**ILLIAM A. HARTZELL, the popular proprietor of the City Hotel and the Fashion Livery, is one of the leading and enterprising business men of the town of Bloomsburg. He is a son of William and Martha (Clark) Hartzell, and was born in Danville, Montour County, January 8, 1851. His grandfather is Solomon Hartzell, a prosperous farmer of Northumberland County.

William Hartzell, the father of our subject, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., and his first work in his own interest was as a rail-straightener in the shops at Danville. He also owned a farm and was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a stockholder in the Danville Nail Manufacturing Company and spent the latter years of his life in retirement. He affiliated in marriage with Martha Clark, a daughter of Rev. Clark, of Northumberland







LLOYD T. ROHRBACH.

County, and they reared the following children: Mary; Alice; Amanda; Minnie; Isabella, deceased; William A., the subject of this sketch; George W., deceased; and Edward C., of Sunbury. Mr. Hartzell died at the age of sixty-four years.

William A. Hartzell was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools in the vicinity. He spent the early portion of his life in farming on the old homestead and in 1876 he moved to Bloomsburg and established a teaming and trucking business and also opened a boarding and feed stable at the Exchange Hotel barns. He conducted his affairs in a successful manner and remained in these businesses until he purchased the Stearns Hotel, which is now known as the City Hotel. He has made many improvements in the hotel, which has seventeen well-furnished rooms. The landlord, by the genial and courteous manner which he manifests toward every one, has won a large share of the patronage of the public and is respected and esteemed as a man of real worth to the community. The hotel is at No. 121 West Main street and is a handsome three-story brick structure. In connection with the hotel Mr. Hartzell conducts one of the finest livery barns in the town, known as the Fashion Livery. He is a good judge of horse flesh and has about fourteen of the best roadsters to be found in the vicinity of Bloomsburg. He also owns several valuable trotting horses, which he keeps merely for his own pleasure. His vehicles are in keeping with the horses, being very stylish turnouts of every kind. Mr. Hartzell and his family reside at the hotel, but he owns a large double tenement house in Bloomsburg, which he rents.

Our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Hannah Brewer, a daughter of Henry Brewer, of Danville, and they have been

blessed by eight children: Edward, Flora, Harley, and Eugene, deceased; George W., who is clerk in the hotel; Charles, who has charge of the livery; Martha G.; and Maggie E.

Politically, Mr. Hartzell staunchly supports the principles of the Democratic party.

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**L**LOYD T. ROHRBACH, ex-prothonotary and clerk of Northumberland County Courts, treasurer of the Sunbury Nail, Bar & Guide Iron Manufacturing Company, treasurer of the Sunbury Water Company, dealer in ice and coal, and manufacturer of brick, is also a lawyer by profession, and an active, all-around business man. He was born in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pa., January 22, 1839, and is a son of George and Mary C. (Artley) Rohrbach.

The family is of German descent and was among the earliest pioneers of Eastern Pennsylvania, where our subject's grandfather was engaged for many years in conducting a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He was a sedate man who attended strictly to affairs of his own concern; he was adverse to praise or flattery, had no aspirations for public life, and strictly adhered to his occupation and was a very successful and influential business man. He married Catherine Fenstermacher and they reared a large family of children, among them George Rohrbach, father of our subject.

George Rohrbach was born in Columbia County, Pa., in 1808. He became interested in the iron industry and was engaged in the foundry and furnace business all of his active days. In 1838 he located in Upper Augusta township where he resided a few years, then removed to Sunbury, living there more than

half a century and passing from this life in 1894. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church and was one of the founders of that church in Sunbury; he filled the office of trustee for a long time and also served in other offices of the church. He chose for his life companion, Mary C. Artley. They had a family of nine children, two of whom died in infancy. The others were: Clinton, who married Sarah Engle and was engaged in lumbering, farming and the foundry business, making a success of this trio of enterprises,—he died in Upper Augusta township; Jacob, who was also engaged in the foundry business, was afterward appointed postmaster at Sunbury, and is now living a life of retirement; Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas G. Cooper of Sunbury; Catherine, the widow of Harry Bourne, also of Sunbury; Lloyd T., subject of this sketch; Edward, who died at the age of eighteen years; William, who engaged in foundry work for many years, later was superintendent of the Sunbury Water Works, and died February 9, 1898. Our subject's mother passed to the life beyond in 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

Lloyd T. Rohrbach received his primary education in the Sunbury public schools after which he entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, passing through the freshman class, and subsequently entered the Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pa., and was graduated therefrom in 1861. In April of the same year he enlisted in the Union Army and was assigned to Company F, 11th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served as clerk of the company. He was in the battle of Falling Waters, Va., and did army service for about three months, when he returned home and entered upon the study of law, reading in the office of the late Horatio Wolverson, and

later in the office of Judge William M. Rockefeller of Sunbury, Pa.

In 1865 our subject was admitted to the bar of Northumberland County and immediately began the practice of his profession in Sunbury and continued the same to the exclusion of all else until 1872, meeting with much success and bringing himself prominently before the people. In 1868 he was appointed U. S. commissioner and filled that office until 1872 when he resigned to accept the office of prothonotary and clerk of the Orphans' Court. He was re-elected to the same office in 1875, serving in all a period of six years. Mr. Rohrbach has always been a Republican, taking a leading part in the councils of his party, in county, state and national politics. At the time of his first election the county was conceded to be Democratic by a majority ranging between 1,200 and 1,500, yet Mr. Rohrbach was elected on the Republican ticket by a majority of 600 votes, and was re-elected by a majority of about 300 votes. In 1896 he was a prominent candidate for the nomination for state treasurer and had a strong following, but withdrew his name before the balloting began. In 1878 he engaged in the manufacture of lime, also dealing in coal and ice, which business he has since continued, excepting the manufacture of lime, which he relinquished a few years ago. He assisted in organizing the Sunbury Water Works Company, which organization was effected in 1883, and has since been its secretary and treasurer.

On December 20, 1866, our subject was united in the bonds of wedlock with Jennie C. Haas, daughter of John P. Haas of Sunbury, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume. They are the parents of three children, John Haas, deceased; George Edward; and William R. George Edward is a mem-



ber of the firm of Rohrbach & Son, dealers in coal and ice. He is also engaged extensively in dealing in land and lumber, having an interest in the firm of M. H. Kulp & Company. To reach a correct idea of the magnitude of the land and lumber speculations of this enterprising firm, M. H. Kulp & Company, see personal history of M. H. Kulp, to be found in another part of this volume. George E. is also interested in the sand business. William R. is attending Susquehanna University.

For many years our subject has been elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury and is a prominent and leading church worker, contributing liberally to the support of his favorite denomination. He has always been an aggressive business man, and his success is not surprising to those who know his traits of character. He is a gentleman, pleasant and genial in his manners, large-hearted and liberal in his views, and thoroughly temperate in all his habits; in fact, he is a model citizen, one whose presence would be welcome in any community. Socially he is a member of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M., also of the Chapter. His portrait is shown on a page in proximity in connection with the foregoing sketch.

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**D**R. CHARLES W. RABB, a young and very popular dentist of Bloomsburg, has a well-established patronage and his work in dentistry is unexcelled in Columbia County. He was born in Bloomsburg June 13, 1873, and is a son of William and Abigail (Bell) Rabb.

His grandfather was Frederick Rabb, a native of Lubeck, Prussia, who came to America with his family in 1839 and settled in Lit-

tle York, York County, Pa. In 1842 he came to Bloomsburg and opened a bakery on Third street, where Schuyler's hardware store now stands, and was later associated in business with his son-in-law, John Rheam, who succeeded to the ownership of the business. He was united in marriage to Caroline Young, and they were the parents of the following children: Augustus; William; Lewis, deceased; twins who died in infancy; Hannah, deceased; and Charles F., the only one of whom was born in America. Mrs. Rabb passed into the world of rest in 1870, at the age of seventy years, and was followed by her husband in 1872, aged seventy-three years.

William Rabb, father of our subject, was born in Lubeck, Prussia, June 3, 1828, and came to this country in 1839 with his parents. He served an apprenticeship to the cabinet-maker's trade in Norristown. Upon attaining man's estate he came to Bloomsburg and started in business where Ringler's drug store is at present, where he continued for thirty years. In 1891 he built the building which is now standing upon that site. At the expiration of the period in which he followed cabinetmaking, he sold out and purchased a farm of 116 acres in Madison township, Columbia County, where he lived for three years, and then, renting the farm, returned to Bloomsburg. He then conducted a grocery store until 1890, with good results; but in that year he retired and is spending his declining years in the peaceful quiet of home life. He is a shrewd business man and a successful manager, and during the active period of his life he accumulated a comfortable competency. He has owned as many as forty stores and houses and at present owns fourteen, all of which are very valuable and well located. He takes great interest in educational matters and for many years served as school director.



He was also a member of the town council for eight years. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Abigail Bell, a daughter of Abraham Bell, a native of the county, and they are the happy parents of the following children: Luther Isaiah, a dentist, who married Camilla E. DeSheppard and they have six children,—Fredericka, William, May, Inez, Robert and Arthur; Martha A., at home with her parents; Clara E., wife of Charles Welliver, and they have three children, William, Walter and Charlotte; Ida V., wife of George P. Ringler, druggist; and Charles W., in whom the interest of this sketch centers. Mr. and Mrs. Rabb are enjoying the best of health and their many friends join in wishing them many more years of continued happiness.

Dr. Charles W. Rabb attended the public schools of Bloomsburg and the Bloomsburg State Normal School, after which he took up the study of dentistry with his brother and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1896. He then took a special course in gold-crowning from that well-known instructor, Frederick Pessio, of Philadelphia, and in that line of work he has no superior in this section of the state. Immediately after completing his course of study he came to Bloomsburg and opened dental parlors at No. 6 East Main street, which are handsomely furnished. He was successful from the start and his patronage has ever been on the increase. He has great fondness for his profession and he gives the strictest attention to his work. He is a young man just entering the prime of life and has a brilliant future before him.

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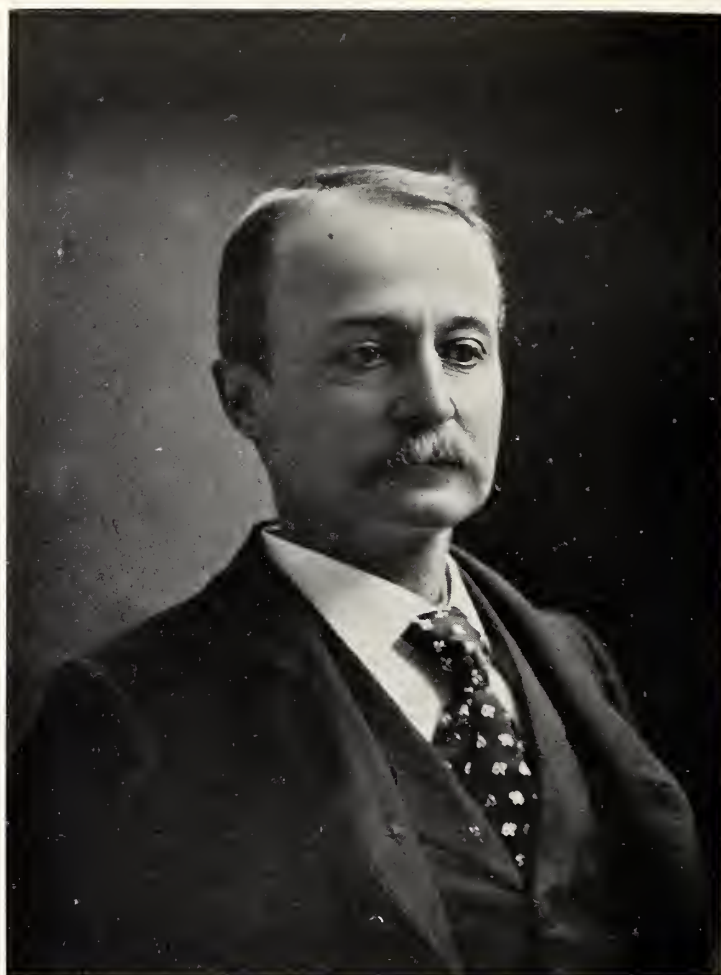
**J**AMES VAN DYKE, proprietor of a drug store, located on Third street, Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., and a leading and progressive citizen of

that borough, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., in September, 1853, and is a son of James and Hannah (Bell) Van Dyke, and grandson of Joseph Van Dyke.

Joseph Van Dyke, the grandfather of our subject, is of Hollandish extraction, and was a native and life-long resident of Northumberland County. He was one of the greatest pilots on the Susquehanna River and piloted boats from Northumberland to Fort Deposit to New York City; he pursued that line of business many years prior to the building of railroads in this section of the state. In later years he conducted a hotel and was one of the leading men of his community. He was united in marriage to Miss Elsworth, an English lady, and they were the parents of a large family of children.

James Van Dyke, the father of our subject, was also born in Northumberland County, where he resided until 1857. In 1856 he was elected high sheriff of Northumberland County and January 1, 1857, moved to Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa. In 1865 he returned to Northumberland borough, remaining there until 1869, when he again moved to Sunbury, where he resided the rest of his active days. He passed from this life in 1880, at the age of fifty-five years. During his younger days he was a pilot on the Susquehanna River, but later he embarked in the hotel business, conducting the Washington Hotel. After he was elected sheriff he discontinued the hotel business to take up the duties of sheriff. In 1860 he built the Central Hotel at Sunbury and conducted it until 1865, when he erected the Van Kirk House in Northumberland. Later he built the Keystone Hotel at Sunbury and, after conducting it for two years, it was destroyed by fire in 1870. Mr. Van Dyke enlisted in the Civil War in 1862 as quartermaster of the 47th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf.





DANIEL A. WIEST.

He also dealt extensively in horses, selling them to the government during the Rebellion. He was married to Hannah Bell and they reared and educated a family of two sons and two daughters.

James Van Dyke received his mental training in the public schools of his native town and at New Berlin Academy. Leaving school when young, he was employed in the drug store owned by Dr. Haupt, of Sunbury, with whom he remained six years, giving up his position on account of ill health. He then worked on the railroad for two years, after which he returned to Sunbury, and in December, 1877, entered the drug store owned by Dr. Charles M. Martin, remaining in his employ fifteen years. In 1893 he engaged in the drug business on his own account and opened a store on Third street, which he has since managed, doing a large business.

Politically, Mr. Van Dyke is an unwavering Republican and has served in the borough council and as clerk. Socially, he is a member of Sunbury Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F.; Sunbury Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. E.; Col. James Cameron Camp No. 160, Sons of Veterans of Sunbury; the A. O. U. W.; also a member of the Royal Blue.

In January, 1877, our subject was united in the bonds of matrimony with Hannah Nothaker, of Sunbury, and two children bless their home, namely: James P. and Mary L.

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**D**ANIEL A. WIEST, whose portrait, executed from a recent photograph, appears on the opposite page, is a prominent citizen of Trevorton, Zerbe township, and is outside foreman of the North Franklin Colliery; he accepted his present situation in 1888 and realizes and fulfils to the

fullest extent the responsibilities of his duties. Mr. Wiest has led a varied and remarkable career and is still in the prime of his life. He was born March 1, 1849, in Sacramento, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is the only son of Edward F. and Elizabeth (Smeltz) Wiest. He was highly educated, passing through the high school of Pottstown, and afterward attended Dickinson Seminary.

At the age of twenty years our subject joined the engineer corps of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad and continued at that occupation for over a year. He subsequently took a trip West and combined business with pleasure by clerking for nearly a year at Denver, Colo., after which he drifted back to Pennsylvania and at Mount Carmel began railroading on the Sunbury Branch of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, remaining about one year and serving as fireman and brakeman. He next accepted a position as shipper for the Reading Company at Locust Summit and worked there for seven years, discontinuing the same only to accept a similar and more lucrative position at the North Franklin Colliery, where he was also telegraph operator. He retained this position also for seven years, after which he was advanced to his present situation. Persevering, continuous and energetic efforts are factors of his success.

On May 1, 1873, our subject was united in marriage with Mary J. Evans, and they have one son and three daughters, namely: Annie, Frank, Katie and Beulah. Mr. Wiest takes an active interest in educational matters, being a member of the board of school directors of Zerbe township. Fraternally he is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter; Shamokin Commandery; and Camp No. 124, Sons of Veterans, at Trevorton. Religiously he is



an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is president of the board of trustees of that church and also superintendent of the Sunday School. He has faithfully and honestly performed the duties of every position he has held and he has gained the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen to the fullest extent.

Daniel Wiest, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Berks County, but removed to Klingerstown, Pa., and subsequently to Sacramento. He was a drover and was also engaged in the mercantile business. At one time he was a large real estate owner, owning the greater part of the land now included in the Brookside Colliery at Tower City. Later he operated a colliery at Rauch's Gap.

Edward F. Wiest, father of our subject, was born in January, 1828, and was reared and educated in Schuylkill County. He began life as a farmer, but later went into the hotel business at Tremont. He rendered valuable service to his country in the Civil War. He was among the first to enlist, first serving in Company C, 25th Regiment, for three months; he then re-enlisted in Company A, 50th Regiment, as first lieutenant, and served three years four months and ten days. After the war he engaged in the coal operating business as foreman at Mahanoy Valley for a short time, after which he again adopted the calling of an agriculturist, and is now spending his declining years in retreat at his elegant country home at Gratz, Dauphin County. When Gen. Kossuth, the Polish patriot, made his famous visit to America in 1854, Mr. Wiest was on the staff of Gen. Wyncoop. He holds four commissions from different governors of the state of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the old state guard or militia and took a very prominent part in

the organization. He was aide-de-camp on Gov. William Bigelow's staff with rank of lieutenant-colonel. He and his wife were blessed with two children: Daniel A., the subject of this sketch, and Katie, wife of Pulascki Gensel of Ashland, Pennsylvania.

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**J**AMES L. RIEHL, president of the Agricultural Society of Danville, and owner of the Montour Hotel, which he conducted for many years, is one of the popular and esteemed residents of the town of Danville, and is spending his latter days in enjoying the fruits of the labors of his younger years. He was born in Northampton County, Pa., near the town of Easton, in July, 1829, and is a son of John and Susanna (Shimer) Riehl, and a grandson of John Riehl, Sr.

John Riehl, the father of our subject, was born at Easton, Northampton County, Pa., and his early days were spent working in a blacksmith shop; later he purchased a fine farm and was one of the leading farmers of his community. By the exercise of economy, he succeeded in accumulating enough money to purchase another farm, and now owns two of the best farms in his section of the county.

Our subject was reared upon his father's farm, where he assisted him in his labors, but in 1851 he became a hotelman, which proved to be the calling to which he was best adapted, as he built up a reputation that will stand as an example to the rising generation. His first hotel was known as the American House, at Easton, Pa., but a few years later he moved to Bethlehem, Pa., where he opened the American House and conducted that hotel for some time, when he moved to Mauch Chunk, Pa., and opened the Mansion Hotel. In 1860 he went to Danville and bought the Mon-

tour House, which was a part of the Montgomery estate, of Magill & Boyd. He enlarged and remodeled his purchase into a three-story building, which has fifty-six finely furnished rooms and a large dining-room, office and salesroom. The hotel is on the corner of Mill and Market streets, one of the best locations in Danville for his business. In 1892 our subject retired from active life and has leased his hotel to his nephews, Augustus L. and Samuel B. Cressman, who have continued the business to the present time.

In 1888 Mr. Riehl was made president of the Danville Agricultural Society. This association dates back to February 1, 1856, when the first fair was held in Montour County, then Columbia County. For many years Danville held the largest fairs in this section of the state; May 8, 1892, the name of the society was changed to the Montour County Agricultural Society of Danville. The society owned a tract of land consisting of seventy-six acres, well equipped for a fair ground. In 1896 the buildings on the grounds were destroyed by a heavy wind and Mr. Riehl, being a large stockholder, purchased the fair ground. For some time our subject has contemplated putting the fair ground into a farm, as the land is well adapted to farming purposes, but as yet the ground is still used for the fair.

Mr. Riehl was united in marriage to Elizabeth Cressman, a daughter of Samuel B. Cressman, of Bucks County, Pa., and our subject was called upon to mourn the loss of his beloved companion, who passed from this life in 1887, at the age of fifty-nine years. One child was the result of their union, Lizzie, who died, aged six months. Mr. Riehl purchased of Mrs. Susan Woodside the property at No. 9 East Front street; he has remodeled and enlarged the same into a handsome residence. He is a member of the Danville Lodge No.

224, F. & A. M.; Danville Chapter No. 239, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery No. 37, K. T.

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**H**ORACE G. SUPPLEE, who efficiently served as manager of the Farmers' Produce Exchange from 1886 until he purchased the establishment in 1898, is one of the leading citizens of Bloomsburg. He was born at White Hall, Pa., October 27, 1859, and is a son of George W. and Sarah (Hamer) Supplee.

His grandfather was Samuel Supplee, who was a prosperous farmer of Chester County, and who married Catherine Reinwald, both of whom lived to reach an advanced age. George W. Supplee, the father of our subject, was born near Phoenixville, Chester County, and settled on a farm in Montour County in 1857, and eight years later purchased a farm at Jerseytown, upon which he made many improvements and followed agricultural pursuits for many years. Subsequently he sold the estate, which is now owned by A. J. Zeisloft, and retired to Bloomsburg, where he resided until his death, in October, 1896, aged seventy-one years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Hamer, was born July 1, 1826, and is a daughter of Murphy and Mary (White) Hamer, both of whom died at an early age, and were survived by the following children: Martha; Jane; William; James; Sarah, our subject's mother; Hannah; and Robert. As a result of their union Mr. and Mrs. Supplee became the parents of the following children: Antoinette, wife of C. De Mott; Gertrude, whose union with A. Girton resulted in the following issue.—Raymond, Frederick, Otto, Robert and Archie; Horace G., the subject of this personal history; Anna,

who married J. Nuss, and has two children, Ruth and Preston; and George, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Horace G. Supplee, after completing the prescribed course in the public schools, attended Greenwood Seminary and the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He then engaged in teaching for seven terms, or until 1886, when he accepted his present position as manager of the Farmers' Produce Exchange, one of the most enterprising concerns in the town. It was established in 1882, in a large brick building, three stories high, which was erected at a cost of \$8,000 and was incorporated with a capital of \$10,000. In the fall of 1898 Mr. Supplee purchased the entire plant. He carries a complete line of general merchandise, grain, fertilizers, plaster, salt, groceries, flour, feed, hay, wooden and willowware, boots, shoes and all kinds of country produce; in fact, everything that is needed by a housekeeper, including furniture and carpets. The store is well arranged, neat in appearance, and everything about it has an air of prosperity, which bespeaks the excellence of Mr. Supplee's management. The Exchange is very desirably located, being situated at No. 601 Market street.

Mr. Supplee was united in matrimonial bonds to Eleanora Bryfogle, a daughter of Daniel and Emma (Gould) Bryfogle, and they are the happy parents of two children: Mabel, born in Bloomsburg November 4, 1889; and George W., also born in Bloomsburg February 21, 1894. Mr. Supplee served in the town council one term. He is a Republican in his political views. He is a member of the Baptist Church, of which he has been a deacon for several years. Socially, he is a member of Washington Lodge No. 265, F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 218, R. A. M.; Crusade Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar; and Cald-

well Consistory of Bloomsburg, of which he is treasurer.

AMERON SHULTZ, M. D., is one of the rising young physicians of the town of Danville, Pa., and a highly esteemed citizen of the community. He is a son of Benjamin F. Shultz, one of the oldest and most highly-respected physicians and surgeons who ever practiced in the borough of Danville.

Peter Shultz, grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Plainfield, N. J., for a number of years, but later he became a resident of Derry township, Montour County, Pa., and, purchasing a large tract of land, he erected a hotel, which he conducted for several years; he also carried on general farming. During his latter days he gave up his hotel business and devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He was joined in marriage to Sarah Robbins and a family of nine children was born to them.

Benjamin F. Shultz, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Derry township, Montour County, March 19, 1828. He first attended the primary schools of his native township. He taught school in the borough of Danville and, while teaching, studied medicine under Dr. James Strawbridge, A. M., M. D., of Danville. Subsequently he studied under Dr. Pancoast, of Philadelphia, and then entered the Jefferson Medical College of that city, and was graduated from that institution in 1852. He then began practicing his chosen profession in Danville, Pa., where his labors were crowned with success and he soon won the confidence and esteem of his community. He continued in his profession with great success, but in 1877 he was obliged to retire from the medical



field because of poor health. He accordingly purchased a farm of three hundred acres, which is now the property of his daughter, Mrs. Vincent, and there he quietly and happily spent the last six years of his active life. He also owned a large block, No. 425 Mill street, and one at No. 510 Bloom street. Politically, Dr. Shultz was an unwavering Republican and always lent his aid toward the success of his chosen party. In religious views he was inclined to be liberal. He passed from this life February 1, 1896, and left a good name, that will stand as an incentive to the rising generation. In 1857 he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Elizabeth Mower, a daughter of John Mower, and two children blessed the union: Dora Elizabeth, who is the wife of O. R. Drumheller, who is proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, at Shamokin, Pa.; and Clara, who died in infancy. Mrs. Shultz died in 1861 and he formed a second marital union with Mary Heckert, a daughter of John Heckert. She died at the age of forty-eight years, leaving the following children: Cameron, our subject; Florence, wife of A. H. Grone; Deborah, who wedded T. G. Vincent; Arminda, a student at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; and Maggie and William, who died in infancy.

Our subject acquired a good education in the public schools of Danville and then read medicine in his father's office for some time. He then entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and was graduated with the class of 1892. He immediately returned to his home and opened a general practice, which he continued until 1896, when he went to New York City and took a special course in the diseases of the stomach. He has since built up a large and successful practice and is the only specialist on diseases of the stomach in this part of the state. Dr. Shultz pur-

chased the handsome mansion on Market street, which was built by Peter Baldy at a cost of forty-five thousand dollars, and in which he has his offices and parlors. Dr. Shultz's mansion is located on a large lot 273 by 80 feet in dimensions and the house is surrounded by a beautiful and well-kept lawn, which greatly adds to the beauty of his home.

Dr. Shultz chose for his life-companion Margaret Frances Thompson, a daughter of Hon. S. Y. Thompson, M. D., of Danville, and one child is the result of this happy union, namely: Annie Mary, born in Danville, Pa., August 19, 1893. The Doctor is a member and past grand master of Montour Lodge No. 109, I. O. O. F.; a member of Washington Camp No. 364, P. O. S. of A., and of Lotus Conclave No. 127, I. O. H.

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**J**OHN FLEMING, who for many years was a prosperous farmer near Campbell's Mills, Forks township, Sullivan County, Pa., is now living in happy retirement in the town of Forksville, where he is held in the highest esteem. He is a son of John and Ann (Curl) Fleming, and was born in the state of New Jersey, April 29, 1827.

John Fleming, the father of our subject, located in Luzerne County, Pa., and there followed his trade as mason during the remainder of his life, dying at the age of fifty-five years. He married Ann Curl, who died at the age of about eighty years, and their children were as follows: Martha; Mary Ann; Rebecca; Julia; Rosella; Daniel, who was killed in war; John, the subject of this sketch; Russell, a resident of California; and two who died in infancy.

John Fleming upon reaching the age of twelve years went to live with Joseph Warren



of Forks township, a farmer by occupation, and after attaining man's estate, he purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of timberland and immediately set about to clear it. This land is located near Campbell's Mills, Forks township, Sullivan County. There he erected a house and other substantial buildings necessary for carrying on his business. He transformed the tract from a wilderness to a beautiful farm, and beginning with little or no means he applied himself with great energy and accumulated sufficient wealth to enable him to retire in 1889. He disposed of his estate to Edward Bahl, and purchased a valuable lot in Forksville at the corner of Water and Main streets upon which he built a handsome house and a good barn. He has since resided there and has gained a large number of friends who hold him in the highest esteem.

Mr. Fleming formed a marital union with Zilpha Ann Rogers, who was born August 2, 1829, and is a daughter of Moses A. Rogers, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies. This union resulted in the following issue: Isaac R., born October 25, 1854, a merchant of Picture Rock, and who married Minerva Matthews, by whom he has three children, Ora, Carl, and Bruce; Annie J., born April 7, 1856, married Charles Nye, and has one son, Claire; Clara B., born October 7, 1860, married to O. H. Gardner of the city of Minneapolis; Melvia A., born December 15, 1861, married Barton Molyneux of Buffalo, N. Y., and they have three children, Lee, Myrtle, and Chester; Mary S., born January 2, 1863, married George Snyder of Forksville, and they have two children: Marion, and Lou; Della J., born February 14, 1868, married Dr. William F. Randall, a resident of Dushore, and they have a son, Ralph; William R., born August 18, 1865, resides in

Grafton, N. D.; C. Q., born October 14, 1870, who lives in Scranton, Pa.; Bertha, born September 21, 1872, lives at home with her parents; and Blanche R., who was born March 28, 1875, and died January 17, 1897, aged twenty-two years.

Politically Mr. Fleming is an independent Republican and has held several minor offices of the township, such as assessor and tax collector. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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**MAJOR EMANUEL CLAY HAMILTON.** The subject of this review is gratefully remembered as one of the most energetic, progressive and public-spirited citizens of Northumberland County. He is survived by his widow, who is now a beloved resident of Shamokin, and by four children. Our subject was born in the city of Lancaster, Pa., February 15, 1835, and was a son of Peter Hamilton and a great-grandson of a former governor of this state who was reared in the Colonial days. Mr. Hamilton traced his ancestry to an English-Scotch origin, the family being one of the earliest to settle in Eastern Pennsylvania. Part of the site of the city of Lancaster is ground which originally was deeded to our subject's ancestors by William Penn.

When quite young our subject evinced a great fondness for study and he applied himself diligently to obtaining an excellent education, principally through his own effort, and well equipped himself for the active and uniformly successful career he subsequently enjoyed. In 1852 Mr. Hamilton went to Baltimore, Md., where he resided five years; then he returned to this state and located in Lewistown. When the daring Rebel leader,

Gen. Robert E. Lee, sought to invade Pennsylvania our subject was one of the first to grasp a musket and assist in repulsing the Confederates and driving them out of the state. Early in 1865 Maj. Hamilton was appointed postmaster of Lewistown by President Lincoln, which position he most acceptably filled for some time. He also was agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad in Lewistown borough, having entire charge of the company's interests there. While at Selinsgrove Maj. Hamilton did most effective service and won an enviable reputation as a shrewd and capable detector of criminals and acted as assistant to Detective W. Y. Lyon of Reading, Pa. With Detective Lyon our subject solved the mystery and arrested the perpetrators of one of the worst crimes ever committed in this state, the murder of the aged Knistlers, a case which was celebrated. Link by link the chain of evidence was put together by the sleepless and vigilant officers and the crime fastened upon Uriah and Jonathan Moyer, Emanuel Ettinger and Israel Erb. The Moyer brothers were hanged, Ettinger committed suicide in jail and Erb was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary in Philadelphia.

In 1877 Maj. Hamilton removed from Lewistown to Adamsburg, Pa., where he conducted the Merchants' Hotel for three years, then locating in Selinsgrove, where he also engaged in the hotel business for six years. He removed to Shamokin in 1887 and became proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, which he ran until 1890, when he retired from the business and devoted his attention and his marked ability to promoting and successfully instituting street railway enterprises. He was the leading spirit in the formation of the Shamokin Street Railway Company in 1892 and he was the first president of the company, hold-

ing the office for two years, when he sold his stock in the corporation and immediately began to agitate the formation of the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Street Railway Company, which was quickly organized, the line being built and put in operation in 1894. He was made president of the company and subsequently was succeeded in that office by G. M. Smith, remaining one of the directors until his death.

Our subject was united in marriage to Cornelia Beam of Lancaster, Pa., on July 26, 1860. Their happy union was blessed with five children, as follows: John D., now dead, who was station agent at Adamsburg when fifteen years of age, and who married Cora Earhart of Snyder County, Pa., who bore him two children, E. C. and Mertie Irene; Samuel A., who has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad for eighteen years, since he was fifteen years of age, and is now a resident of Roaring Springs, Blair County, Pa.; a daughter, the wife of Charles A. Heintzman of Shamokin, who was one of the first letter-carriers in that city and is now in the postal service; Nellie, who is the wife of Charles Lark, a leading attorney of Shamokin; Bertie, who is with her mother. Maj. Hamilton took great interest in fraternal societies and was a Mason, a Knight Templar and Shriner; an Odd Fellow; and an enthusiastic member of the Benevolent Order of Protective Elks. In politics he was a staunch Republican and was very active in the councils of his party.

ELISHA M. ECKMAN of Kline's Grove is postmaster and one of the most prominent and active men in the community. He was born in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pa.,

May 10, 1847, and is a son of Charles and Elizabeth J. (Kline) Eckman.

The paternal grandfather, Charles Eckman, was born in New Jersey and was the first of the family to locate in Upper Augusta township. He married a Miss DeWitt, and they raised a large family of children. The maternal grandfather was John Kline of Rush township, who married Eleanor Campbell. He was a shoemaker and always practiced his trade in Rush township. His children were as follows: Robert; Elizabeth; Caroline; Elisha; David.

Our subject's father, Charles Eckman, was born in Upper Augusta township and lived there all his life, following the trade of blacksmith, and later in life was a farmer. Mr. Eckman was well known in politics, being an active member of the Whig party, and during the war held many township offices. He was treasurer of the Bounty Fund and a member of the Methodist Church, being class-leader in the church for many years. His death, which occurred in February, 1890, was greatly mourned by all, for he was a man of kind deeds and warm heart, always willing to lend a helping hand. His wife, Elizabeth J. Kline Eckman, came from Upper Augusta township and now lives on the old homestead. She bore him five children: John Edgar, a soldier in the Rebellion, who died in 1868, and who married Theresa Forrester; Elisha M., our subject; Margaret, deceased; Clarissa Ann, deceased, who married H. C. Savidge, and bore him two children, Grace and Edgar; James D., who lives with his mother on the old homestead and has been a teacher for a number of years.

Elisha M. Eckman, the subject of this biography, was educated in the common schools and lived at home until he was twenty-eight years of age, working at the car-

penter trade for several years. On January 26, 1875, he married Mary Elizabeth (Reed) Campbell, widow of Harmon K. Campbell of Upper Augusta township, who died in 1871. He was a miller and also a farmer at Kline's Grove, and had one son, Edward R. Campbell, who was born January 18, 1865. Edward R. is a farmer, merchant and assistant-postmaster at Kline's Grove. He was married March 30, 1886, to Mary E. Haupt of Sunbury, Pa., and they are blessed with two children, Melville, born July 22, 1887; and Harmon E., born July 10, 1897.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Eckman, our subject's wife, was born January 19, 1840, at Reed's Station, Shamokin township, and is a daughter of Jacob G. and Maria (Hoffman) Reed; the latter was born November 13, 1818; both, however, were born in Shamokin township. Mr. Reed was a farmer and died January 12, 1852; his wife still resides on the old homestead. They were the parents of several children, as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of our subject; Sarah Jane, who died single; John H., who also died single; Abraham H., a farmer in Shamokin township, who married Lucy A. Bugner; Lydia Ann, deceased, who was the wife of Peter Overdorf; Jacob G., wheelwright and blacksmith at Pottsgrove, Pa., who married Elizabeth Teets, and who has two daughters, Belle and Gertrude.

After his marriage our subject took up farming in Rush township, also working at his trade, continuing this until 1883, when he bought the Kline's Grove Mill property, a flour and grist-mill. Mr. Eckman now runs a chop and saw-mill. He is a firm upholder of the Republican party and has always voted its ticket. He has been postmaster at Kline's Grove for twenty-five years. He is known all over the county as an honest, upright citizen. Mr. Eckman is also known for his







*Holden Chester*

warm and generous heart, never refusing help to a person in distress or in misfortune. Religiously Mr. Eckman is an attendant of the Methodist Church.

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**H**OLDEN CHESTER, a retired mine operator of Shamokin, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, has won an enviable reputation among the best business men and is recognized as the personification of honor and integrity. He was born in the Green Mountain state, near the Canadian line, September 30, 1833. He is a son of Joseph and Hannah Chester. He went with his parents to Schuylkill County, Pa., when quite young and was reared in that county. As his father died on a trip west when Holden was still a lad, he received no education worthy the name, but began life in the mines at the age of nine years, first working as a slate-picker. He continued working in and around the mines in that capacity, also assisting miners and driving horses and mules inside, until he attained the age of fourteen years. At that age he apprenticed himself to learn the trade of a blacksmith at Tamaqua, serving six years and working from Pottsville to Tamaqua, a distance of sixteen miles. Having served the full apprenticeship and completely mastered the trade, at the age of twenty he began blacksmithing in the coal regions, working at various places, and continuing until about 1854, when stationary engineering engaged his attention for six years. He then served as outside mine boss in the Schuylkill coal region until August, 1861.

Our subject, in August, 1861, enlisted in the Union Army as a private in Company L, 3rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Cav., serving for three

years; his service during the last six months was as a veterinary surgeon, acting under a commission from the Secretary of War, and as such he was mustered out of service, after serving all three years in the Army of the Potomac. After the war he again engaged as mine boss, taking charge of the erecting of a large colliery at Williamstown, Dauphin County, remaining there for eight years as foreman or boss. In 1873 he removed to Shamokin, and has remained there ever since. He engaged as superintendent of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, comprising five collieries, all in the vicinity of Shamokin, and served in that capacity until the beginning of 1880, when the Lykens Valley and Williamstown collieries, three in number, were added to the five previously described, and Mr. Chester was appointed general superintendent of all those collieries, which position he held until 1886. About that time he purchased an interest in the Union Coal Company, which operated three collieries in the vicinity of Shamokin; after taking charge of the mines he continued as superintendent of those collieries until 1893, when he sold his interests and withdrew. Since then he has looked after other affairs and has been interested in the bituminous coal fields of West Virginia, besides other enterprises in Shamokin.

In 1883 Mr. Chester assisted in organizing the Shamokin electric light companies and, with the exception of one year has served as president. He is also president of the Shamokin Gas Company; is a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company; is a director of the Shamokin Powder Company, and has been ever since its organization; he is president and largest stockholder of the Shamokin Packing Company.

In the autumn of 1857 Mr. Chester was united in marriage with Christina C. Wilson.

a native of Scotland. He and his wife have no children of their own, but have reared several. Mr. Chester is actively interested in the subject of education, having served as school director for several years. He is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church and, fraternally, is a member of Lincoln Post No. 140, G. A. R.; Millersburg Lodge, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter No. 264, R. A. M., and Shamokin Commandery, Knights Templar.

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**F**ORBES H. VANNAN, a born mechanic and a member of the firm of Curry & Vannan, who operate a large foundry and machine-shop, is one of the popular and enterprising citizens of the town of Danville, Pa. He descends from the sturdy Scotch race, having been born in Glasgow, Scotland, and is a son of James Vannan, who was also a native of Scotland.

James Vannan, father of our subject, resided in Scotland many years, where he was engaged as a machinist. He departed from his native country and settled in Carbondale, Luzerne County, Pa., where he followed his trade as a machinist. Later he moved to Kingston, Luzerne County, Pa., then to Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life in retirement. He died at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock to Mary Binning, who passed from this life aged forty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Vannan were the parents of a family of five children, as follows: Mary, who is the wife of James Eaton; James, a machinist in the shops of the D. & H. R. R. at Carbondale, Pa.; Joseph, a foundryman, and also a resident of Carbondale, Pa.; Forbes H., our subject; and Thomas, a tinsmith and gasfitter, who resides at Carbondale.

Forbes H. Vannan, our subject, came to this country with his father and served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade in the D., L. & W. R. R. machine shops at Scranton and, owing to his rapid progress, he was soon made foreman of the D., L. & W. R. R. shops at Kingston, Pa. He subsequently became superintendent of the Wyoming Valley Manufacturing Company at Wilkesbarre, Pa., from which place he removed to Danville in 1888 and accepted a position as master mechanic in the rolling mills of that town. On September 10, 1895, in partnership with Daniel M. Curry, he leased the Mahoning Foundry and Machine Shops and the firm has since been doing a large and successful business. When the rolling mill property went into the hands of a receiver, Curry & Vannan purchased the entire foundry and machine-shop plant. The firm manufactures all kinds of machinery, has the latest and most improved machinery in the shops and employs from fifty to ninety men continuously. They have also erected a large three-story pattern-house and have one of the best machine-shops in the town of Danville.

Mr. Vannan was united in marriage to Emeline A. Parr, and three children have blessed their home: Irvin, a mechanic; George, who died in infancy; and Walter. Mr. Vannan and family are highly esteemed by their neighbors and acquaintances and are amply filling their station as good citizens and valuable members of their community. In politics, our subject is a stanch Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln.

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**J**OHN E. GALLAGHER, a young and enterprising business man of Muncy Valley, Sullivan County, holds the responsible position of bookkeeper of



the Union Tanning Company, the duties of which he has performed faithfully and in a manner such as to gain the hearty approval of his employers. He was born at Dushore, Sullivan County, January 15, 1865, and is a son of James and Mary (Brown) Gallagher.

His paternal grandfather was Michael Gallagher, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and immigrated to America, locating on a farm which he purchased at Dushore, Pa. This he cleared and resided upon until his death, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife was Sarah Dougherty, who died at the age of eighty years. Their union was blessed by eight children: Michael; James; Anthony; Sarah; Mary; Catherine; Bridget; and Ellen.

James Gallagher, father of our subject, was also born in County Mayo, Ireland, and immigrated to this country with his father. He succeeded to the ownership of the family estate at Dushore and there has since followed farming. He is one of the substantial citizens of the community and is held in high esteem by a large circle of acquaintances. He was united in marriage with Mary Brown, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (O'Donald) Brown, by whom he had seven children: Martin; Michael P.; John E.; James J., and William, deceased; Thomas H.; and Mary E.

John E. Gallagher attended the public schools of Dushore, after which he took a course at the Mansfield Normal School, and finally at Rochester University, from which he graduated in 1889. Previous to that time he taught for seven years in the public schools. After leaving college he moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where he was employed as a bookkeeper for two years. He then returned to his home at Dushore, where he accepted the position of clerk to county

commissioner in 1894, and continued as such for three years. In 1898 he accepted his present position with the Trust or Union Tanning Company, and is located at their Muncy Valley office. He has had years of experience in that line of work, and his record since assuming the duties of bookkeeper stamps him as a man well qualified to bear its responsibilities. He is of a genial disposition, is a pleasant companion and is very popular with his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Gallagher was joined in matrimonial bonds with Catherine Kennedy, a daughter of Jeremiah Kennedy of Laporte, Sullivan County, whose biographical record appears elsewhere in this volume, and they became the parents of the following children: James F.; Thomas E.; Margaret; and Agnes. Politically our subject has always supported the Democratic party and has held numerous local offices. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

JOSEPH KOPP, a veteran of the Civil War, and inside-foreman at the Sterling Colliery near Shamokin, Northumberland County, was born May 11, 1841, in Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of Jacob and Harriet (Hain) Kopp.

Jacob Kopp, our subject's father, a native of France, upon coming to the United States located in Schuylkill Haven, where he was engaged in mercantile business. He died when our subject was about five years of age, leaving two children: Joseph; and Mary, who, when she grew to womanhood, married William Steinmetz, a boss at the Big Mountain Colliery, Northumberland County.

Joseph Kopp, our subject, was reared in



Schuylkill County and was employed in collieries until he was eighteen years of age, after which he traveled around the country for about two years. In 1860 he located in Shamokin, Pa., and became a coal miner, working in various collieries about Shamokin for several years. He then held the position of assistant foreman for Patterson, Llewellyn & Co. for about a year, after which he was promoted to the position of inside-foreman and remained with the company twelve years. Mr. Kopp next entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., at Burnside Colliery, as inside-foreman, and in January, 1893, assumed that position at the Sterling Colliery, where he has since remained. During the progress of the Civil War, in 1862, he enlisted in Company K, 36th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served about three months, but did not participate in any engagement, arriving on the field just one day too late for the battle of Gettysburg.

On Independence Day, 1861, Mr. Kopp married Henrietta Yoder, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Beisel) Yoder. Mrs. Kopp was born August 3, 1841, in Mahantango Valley, Schuylkill County, where her father was born and reared, but when she was two years old, he removed to Shamokin and assisted in building the first railroad in that section of the county. Our subject's family consists of the following children: William and Mary, both deceased; Adam, who married Susan Specht, is a loader-boss at the Sterling Colliery, and makes his home in the Mahanoy Valley; Eva, the wife of Daniel Phillips, a miner and resident of Shamokin; Joseph D., a loader-boss at the Sterling Colliery, who married Annie Miller and resides in Shamokin; Jacob, deceased; Nora, the wife of William Bonser of Pottsville, a car-

penter by trade; and Sallie and Bertha, who are both at home.

Socially our subject is a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R.; Schickalamy Tribe, No. 148, I. O. R. M.; and also the Degree of Pocahontas, all of Shamokin.

REV. WILLIAM A. HOUCK, a prominent clergyman of Mount Carmel, Pa., is a man of superior mental endowments and of excellent education and character. He is a native of Huntingdon County, Pa., was born January 25, 1837, and is a son of Adams and Mary (Clark) Houck.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was of German origin, and lived in Virginia; from there he went to Maryland, and thence to Huntingdon County, Pa., and was one of the pioneers of that county. One of his brothers, William Houck, served in the Revolutionary War. Adams Houck, the father of our subject, was born in Huntingdon County, and followed farming and lumbering in that county until his death. Our subject's mother was of English origin; her father was Thomas Clark.

Rev. William A. Houck, the subject of this biography, was reared and educated in Huntingdon County, attending the common schools and also the seminary at Cassville, Huntingdon County. He taught school three winters, also taught in a select school, and then began the study of theology. In March, 1859, he joined the East Baltimore Conference and since that time he has preached continuously, most of his labors having been in what is now called the Central Pennsylvania Conference. He entered the Union Army in 1864 as chaplain of the 205th Reg., Pa. Volunteers, and remained with that

regiment until it was mustered out, in June, 1865. He was presiding elder of the Harrisburg district for four years. Among his more prominent appointments have been Williamsport, Danville, Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Milton, Hazleton, and Mount Carmel. Rev. Mr. Houck has the largest congregation in Mount Carmel, and the church has had continual and substantial growth under his charge.

Our subject married Lydia M. Dorland of Blair County, Pa., and several children have resulted from this union, as follows: Gertrude, the wife of W. B. Norris, an attorney of St. Joseph, Mo., who at one time held the office of district attorney; Florence N., the wife of W. T. Hildrup, a manufacturer of Harrisburg, Pa.; Evangeline M., the wife of Dr. H. M. Stine of Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles A. B., an electrician at Hazleton, Pa.; Grace B., living at home; William Herbert S., in the Auditor-General's Department at Harrisburg, Pa.; and Frank D., in the employ of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company at Lebanon, Pa.

Rev. Mr. Houck is well known throughout the eastern and central parts of the state, and is a man of strict principles and splendid judgment. He is highly respected, and is known to be a man who thoroughly practices all that he preaches. He is a man of much learning and wide experience, and has done much to advance the religious welfare of Mount Carmel.

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**D**R. JAMES R. MONTGOMERY has a large and lucrative practice in and about the beautifully situated and prosperous village of Buckhorn, Columbia County, Pa. He is a son of Hugh R. and Sarah (Moll) Montgomery, and was born in Liberty township, Montour County, May 15, 1858.

The Montgomery family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and James Montgomery, our subject's grandfather, was born in the North of Ireland, and after following his profession, that of sea-captain, for some years he came to America about 1760, locating on the banks of the Chillisquaque Creek, in what is now Liberty township, Montour County, when that section was almost a wilderness and inhabited only by Indians and wild beasts of the forest. He was joined in wedlock with a Miss Shedden, and they reared a family of children, one of whom was Hugh R., the father of our subject. He formed a second alliance with a Mrs. Burns, nee Harvey, who was a native of that section of the county.

Hugh R. Montgomery was born on the old homestead in Liberty township, in 1819, was one of the leading agriculturists of that section, and followed farming in the fertile valley of the lovely Susquehanna until his death in 1881. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat and served as justice of the peace for many years. He was a consistent member of and elder in the Presbyterian Church. As a result of his union with Sarah S. Moll, a daughter of Daniel F. and Mary (Seidel) Moll, five sons and four daughters were born, namely: James R., whose name heads these lines; John S., a merchant of Pottsgrove, Northumberland County; Mary E., the wife of Charles N. Marsh of Milton, Northumberland County; Sarah A., the wife of William H. Eckman, a farmer of Chillisquaque township, Northumberland County; Daniel M., a merchant of Pottsgrove; William A., a farmer who lives o. i. and owns the old homestead; H. Bryson, a photographer of Milton; Clara B., who with her mother lives at Pottsgrove, Pa.; and Alice J., the wife of William B. Shedden, a theological student at Princeton. N. J.

Dr. James R. Montgomery was reared on the farm, and received his education in the public schools of his native town and at Millersville State Normal School. Upon leaving school he began teaching at the age of seventeen years, during which time he also studied for the medical profession in the office of Dr. C. H. Dougal of Milton, Pa., and in 1880 he graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa. He also took a number of special courses in surgery, anatomy, etc. Immediately after graduation he entered upon his first practice at Twelfth and Mifflin streets, Philadelphia, where he continued for two years. In 1882 he removed to Buckhorn, Pa., where he has since resided and has acquired a large practice in the vicinity. He is an active member of the Columbia County Medical Society; of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society; and of the American Medical Association. He is a public-spirited man and is much interested in the advancement of his village and county, being closely connected with the following business enterprises; stockholder in the Columbia County Agricultural Society and of the Bloomsburg Desk Factory; and a stockholder and director of the North Branch Furniture Factory of Bloomsburg.

Dr. Montgomery takes a lively interest in the schools, churches and business enterprises of his chosen home and is always ready to encourage by word or act all, especially the young, who are endeavoring to improve themselves and their surroundings. He is much interested in politics and, not being a seeker after office either present or prospective, can fairly lay claim to the title of independent voter. The Doctor thinks that the desire to be a physician was "born and bred" in him, and fairly proves it by the fact that two uncles, two brothers-in-law and a nephew are

members of that arduous but noble profession.

In October, 1887, Dr. Montgomery was united in hymeneal bonds with Daisy M. Harris, a daughter of the late Jacob and Sarah A. (Shoemaker) Harris, a merchant and general business man of Buckhorn, by whom he has two children, James R., Jr., and Maud.

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**C**HARLES L. KREMER. In the whole of Northumberland County there is no more popular or more efficient public officer than the gentleman whose name appears above, who is now holding the county office of prothonotary. Six years' service as deputy sheriff and three years' faithful work as deputy county treasurer served to develop and perfect all his administrative abilities and to render him a power in the politics of the Seventeenth Congressional District. Although a veteran in political experience his career has been singularly free from embitterments and rankling enmities, for he considers friendship to be a thing that should not count too much in politics, and tries to exclude the element in his own struggles for political supremacy. We mean by this that Mr. Kremer does not choose his friends only from his own party, for oftentimes his bitterest political antagonist may be his warm personal friend. Our subject has a splendid record behind him and, judging from the good-will extended toward him and the good-will in which he is held everywhere throughout the county, he is destined to serve the best interests of his fellow-citizens for many years to come.

Mr. Kremer was born in Allenwood, Union County, Pa., January 4, 1857, and is a son of Jacob L. and Julia (Allen) Kremer. The family originally was of German stock, but it



is now thoroughly Americanized by many years' residence in the United States. Our subject's grandfather, who was a native of Oley township, Berks County, Pa., was a weaver by trade. In 1829 he located at Milton, Northumberland County, to pursue his trade, but soon decided to engage in farming also, and was a tenant successively of the Sitzel farm near McEwensville and the De Armond farm near the Warrior Run Church. On each place he remained two years, following the weaver's trade for the most part, but also doing some farming. In 1834 he engaged in farming in White Deer Valley, Union County, after which he kept hotel one year in White Deer township. Later he removed to Allenwood, Union County, and kept a hotel the remainder of his life, dying in 1845, aged forty-five years. He married Sarah Levan, and their family consisted of three sons and three daughters.

Jacob Kremer, the father of the subject of these lines, was born in Albany township, Berks County, Pa., April 30, 1837. He went with the family into Northumberland County, and then into Union. The common schools of the localities where his boyhood days were passed furnished him with the rudimental principles of an education that was never fully completed in the schools, but was gradually built up by experience in varied walks of life. Upon attaining his majority Jacob engaged in dealing in live stock at Allenwood, continuing to be thus employed until 1867, when he removed to Armstrong township, Lycoming County, Pa. Williamsport became his place of residence in 1869 and there he continued on an extensive scale his dealings in stock, and also engaged in raising thoroughbred horses. In the month of April, 1875, our subject's father located at Dewart, Northumberland County, as proprietor of a hotel. Four

years later he became the proprietor of the Mansion House at Watsontown, which he successfully conducted during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in that borough in 1892. While the War of the Rebellion was in progress Mr. Kremer dealt very extensively in horses, furnishing animals for all branches of the army service.

For many years Jacob Kremer was a leader in the Republican party of Northumberland County and the present ascendancy of the Republican organization in the county came in great part from his own indefatigable exertions. When he was first nominated for the office of sheriff in 1881 by the Republican party he was defeated by a large Democratic majority, but nothing daunted, he allowed his name to be used again in 1884 and threw himself with force and vim into the canvass, with the result that he became the first Republican sheriff the county had had for many years by the comfortable margin of 274 votes. He gave the best of satisfaction throughout his term of three years, which expired in 1887. In that year, before the expiration of his term, he received his party's nomination for the office of county treasurer, and was elected to that position by a majority of 764 votes, the largest gains having been made in his own district, where he was better known, but still the gains were not confined to the one district, being spread over most of the county. In 1890 he was again nominated for sheriff, but he was defeated along with the whole Republican ticket. It was one of those reverses that come like a late frost in the spring. On January 6, 1854, he married Julia A. Allen, eldest daughter of Isaac and Jane (Piatt) Allen of Allenwood, Union County, Pa. Isaac Allen was of Scotch-Irish descent; the village where he lived and of which he was the most prominent resident



was named Allenwood in honor of him. In the parental family were born nine children, five of whom survive at this date, and these last are as follows: Sarah A., wife of Charles G. Pursell of Jersey City, N. J.; Allen L., one of the proprietors of the Mansion House at Watsontown, the successor of his father; Daniel A., who is interested with Allen L., in conducting the Mansion House; Charles L., the subject of this historical notice; and Jennie Lee, who resides in Watsontown.

Charles L. Kremer, in whom the interest of this sketch centers, was educated in the Williamsport public schools. Leaving school in 1872 he entered a country store in Allenwood as a clerk and remained there in faithful, diligent service twelve years, until 1884. In 1885 he removed to Sunbury as deputy sheriff under his father and served three years, until 1888, when he was made deputy county treasurer under his father. In January, 1891, without the loss of a day's time, he became deputy sheriff under Robert Montgomery, stepping from one office directly to another. Mr. Montgomery was the man who defeated our subject's father in the last political contest in which Jacob Kremer engaged before his death; it is a decidedly singular occurrence that a successful candidate for office should choose as his assistant the son of his political antagonist, but this graceful act only goes to show the good feeling that prevailed all through the campaign and made defeat all the easier to bear, and victory the better to enjoy. In the fall campaign of 1893 Charles L. Kremer was elected prothonotary, taking possession of his office in 1894; he was re-elected in 1896 and will continue to serve until the expiration of his term in 1900.

The marriage ceremony that united the lives of our subject and his wife, then Mrs. Kate Van Horn, nee Finney, daughter of

Hamilton Finney of Kansas City, Mo., was performed February 25, 1897. Mr. Kremer is a gentleman of noble instincts, congenial and friendly, and always aims to please those with whom he is thrown in contact. His firmness, however, is a trait that should not be overlooked. He has made an excellent official for Northumberland County and is regarded as a very influential citizen.

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REV. GEORGE H. HEMINGWAY, who was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Bloomsburg February 19, 1897, has won his way into the hearts of his parishioners by the conscientious manner in which he labors to elevate the moral and social condition of the church and community at large. He is a native of England, having been born in Yorkshire, February 4, 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Furniss) Hemingway. The Hemingways are an old and well-known family of West Riding, Yorkshire, England, where for many years they have been chiefly engaged in mining pursuits.

Joseph Hemingway, the father of our subject, who is now living in retirement, was engaged in mining and the manufacture of bricks. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Sarah Furniss and they became the proud parents of a son, George H., a record of whose life is here given.

Rev. George H. Hemingway, after completing his academic education, took up theological studies under Drs. Milner and Bennett of Huddersfield, and later passed the examination at the Sunderland Theological Institute in England in 1880. In 1882 he left his native soil and sought a home in freedom-loving America. He went to Kansas and was





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licensed to preach in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Beloit, Kans., September 20, 1884, remaining there one year. He moved to College Springs, Iowa, where he held a charge for three and one-half years, and in October, 1889, he united with the Presbyterian Church, in which he preached for one year at Mapleton, N. D. Again returning to Iowa, he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at West Branch for three years, and for one year preached at Tipton. His next charge was the First Church of Carthage, Mo., which he held for three or four years, and on February 19, 1897, he was called to his present pastorate, that of the Presbyterian Church of Bloomsburg. In June, 1897, the degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by the Presbyterian College at Hastings, N. D.

Dr. Hemingway is of a kind and sympathetic disposition and has made friends rapidly in the various communities in which he has lived. On July 29, 1883, he and Sarah Swift, a daughter of Dean Swift and a native of Mirfield, Eng., took the marriage vows, and they are the happy parents of four children: Reginald S.; Vera E.; Rowland F.; and Harold G.

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**J**OSEPH L. SHANNON. The largest and best equipped meat market in Danville is that conducted by Joseph L. Shannon, the subject of this biographical sketch, and his son, under the firm name Shannon & Company. The establishment is located on Mill street, in Danville, but Mr. Shannon makes his residence in Riverside, Northumberland County, where he owns a fine home at D avenue and Sixth street.

Mr. Shannon was born in Muncy township, Lycoming County, September 14, 1832, and

is a son of Jesse and Rebecca (Lewis) Shannon. His grandfather was Daniel Shannon, who was a native of New Jersey and a pioneer farmer of Northumberland County, Pa., where he lived during his latter days. He was the father of the following children: Daniel; John; Jesse; Wesley; Susan; Mary; and Hettie.

Jesse Shannon, the father of our subject, was born in Milton and, after learning the cooper's trade, moved to Bloomsburg, Columbia County, in 1834. He followed his trade in that town until 1843, when he moved upon a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits until he retired to spend his declining years in ease. He passed into the unknown beyond in 1884, at the advanced age of eighty years. He served as constable of Bloomsburg for three years, and was also tax collector for some time. He was one of the old pioneers who established the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bloomsburg and vicinity and helped to build two churches. He was an active worker in the Sunday School and was a liberal supporter of the church financially. He was united in marriage with Rebecca Lewis, a daughter of Joseph Lewis, and they were the happy parents of the following children: Samuel, who died at the age of forty-three, was a Methodist minister; Joseph L., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; John W.; Jared Y., deceased; Jesse, deceased; James, who died in childhood; and Mary J., the wife of H. F. Omens. Mrs. Shannon passed to her eternal rest at the age of forty-nine years, and Mr. Shannon formed a second alliance with Annie E. Evans, and their children were: Joshua A.; Sarah R.; and one who died in infancy.

Joseph L. Shannon attended the public schools and at the age of eighteen years became an apprentice to the harnessmaker's



trade with John Markle of Providence, Pa. After a period of three years he moved to Bloomsburg, Columbia County, where he entered the employ of J. K. Grotz, remaining with that gentleman until 1854, when he engaged in the boating business for one year. He then associated himself with a Mr. Bomboy, under the firm name Bomboy & Shannon, in the meat business at Bloomsburg, which they followed with good results until the spring of 1862, when the firm was dissolved by mutual consent. In October, 1862, our subject was drafted to serve in the Union Army during the Civil War, but sent a substitute. In 1865 he enlisted in Company B, 103d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., as a sergeant, serving faithfully to the close of the war. In 1866 he again opened a meat market in Bloomsburg, to which he added a complete stock of groceries, and conducted it with good results until 1870, when he disposed of it and took up his residence in Riverside, where he has since resided. On market days he conducted a curb market in Danville until October 1, 1884, when, in partnership with his son, Jesse H., he established a meat market on Mill street in Danville, which they still conduct. Mr. Shannon's varied experience and comprehensive knowledge of the business has given to him the skill by which he is enabled to choose only the best meats for his customers. He not only handles beef, but deals in pork, mutton, lamb, veal and poultry, as well as cured and smoked meats and sausage. The firm does a very large business and numbers among its patrons the leading citizens of Danville. Our subject is a courteous and agreeable gentleman, highly esteemed in business circles as a man of strict integrity, and fully deserves the success he is meeting.

On May 17, 1853, our subject was joined in wedlock to Anna M. Hess, a daughter of

Jacob and Margaret Hess of Bloomsburg, Columbia County. To them have been born the following children: John Lewis, deceased; Anna Maria, deceased; Ralph C., a florist of Riverside; Jesse H., who is in business with his father, married Maggie Gulick, and they have three children, Helen, Ethel and Clyde; Charles L., deceased; Rebecca Jane, the wife of William Kimble; Emma A., the wife of R. B. Bird, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; Joseph Wellington, Esq., a resident of Philadelphia, with an office at 1414 South Penn Square; Sophia Ann, a teacher in the public schools, is one of twins born to her parents, the other dying in infancy; Eva Mary, who is Mrs. John Landua, also had a twin sister who died young; and Catherine Elizabeth, a teacher.

Mr. Shannon has been very active in public affairs and was chief burgess of Riverside for four successive terms. Religiously he is a Methodist and in 1871 organized the first class in the Sunday School of the M. E. Church, and the meetings were held in the school house. In 1872 he assisted materially in building a church edifice for that denomination, in which Grace Episcopal Church is now located. In 1878 he aided in building the present M. E. Church, of which Rev. F. S. Vought is the present pastor, and has since acted as steward, trustee and an active class leader. Mr. Shannon's portrait is shown on another page in connection with the above sketch.

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**A**NTHONY GLOCKLER. In the little country village, Lake Run, the gentleman whose name appears on the above line is successfully engaged in conducting a grocery store and is also the proprietor of a farm in that vicinity. He was

born in Plufendirf, Baden, Germany, May 8, 1826, and is a son of Martin and Rosalia (Glocklêr) Glockler, both of whom were native and life-long residents of Germany.

Anthony Glockler was brought up in his native country and was apprenticed to the cabinet-making trade, which he pursued many years. Convinced that the United States afforded more opportunities for a young man just starting out in life, in 1854 he left his native country and shortly after his arrival in New York City he learned of other German families residing in Sullivan County, Pa., and consequently he joined them. Having but little capital he purchased fifty acres of land north of his present home; there he cleared the land and erected a house and, in addition to carrying on farming, he also made chairs and other household furniture for the settlers. Our subject, who had been quite successful up to that time, with many other settlers found that his title to his purchase was worthless, which meant the loss of a home and considerable money. By perseverance and courage he bought his present homestead of fifty acres of George Schill. He has erected a house and substantial barns and outbuildings and made many other improvements, putting the land under a fine state of cultivation. He has erected a small store, carries a good stock of groceries and also keeps the postoffice for the village. Mr. Glockler is a shrewd, substantial business man and is greatly respected by his many friends for his sterling worth. He has reared and educated a large family of children, all of whom are highly esteemed and classed among the prominent citizens of the different communities in which they reside.

Mr. Glockler was wedded in Germany to Margaret Banmunk, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Retig) Banmunk. Her parents reared the following children: Margaret, Bar-

bara, Adam, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Louisa. Mrs. Glockler was born in Reisenbach, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, August 3, 1834, and is the mother of the following family of children: Josephine, born in New York City, August 10, 1856, who is the wife of Frederick Knepper, and they are the parents of three children,—Annie, Carrie, and Mary; Rose, born March 9, 1858, was wedded in 1878 to Austin Brown and four children were born to them, Carrie, deceased, Maggie, Julia, and Myra; Elizabeth, born May 8, 1860, wedded to E. J. Porter and their home has been blessed by four children,—Rosalia, Georgia, Orphelia, and Roy; David, born June 21, 1861, was united in marriage in 1889 to Mattie Whiteleg, by whom he reared three children,—Albert, Charles, and Roy; Caroline, born August 18, 1862, was united in marriage in 1882 to Charles Heinze, and three children were born to this union,—Anthony, Lillie, and Nora; Anthony, born May 26, 1864, and in 1884 wedded Annie Hugo, who bore him two children,—Mamie and Julia; Philip, born March 13, 1866, was wedded in 1898 to Carrie Hess; Charles, born March 24, 1868, wedded Rose Bowers in January, 1896, and died March 31, 1896; Adam was born February 19, 1870; Ada, born June 27, 1872; Christina, born March 15, 1875, and died May 18, 1876; and Annie, born July 13, 1877, the wife of Glen Warner, and they are the parents of two children,—Ruby P. and Ira. Religiously our subject is a Lutheran. In politics he is independent.

JOHN K. GROTZ, who for many years was engaged in the harnessmaking trade and conducted a tannery, is now living in retirement in the town of Bloomsburg where he is held in high esteem and has the confidence and respect of his fellow-citi-

zens among whom he has spent nearly his entire life. He has a distinct recollection of Bloomsburg when it was in its infancy and there were but two frame houses in the town, in one of which he was born October 22, 1810. He is the son of Abraham and Mary (Kuhn) Grotz, who at his birth dwelt in a frame house on the corner of Iron and Second streets.

Abraham Grotz, father of our subject, was born in Easton, Pa., and in 1806 removed to Bloomsburg, where he built the first frame house in the town. There he was engaged in the manufacture of silk and fur hats by hand until 1832, when he moved to Ohio. He located near Uniontown, Stark County, O., where he purchased a farm and became a prosperous farmer, remaining there until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-five years. He was united in marriage to Mary Kuhn, a daughter of John Kuhn, who also attained an advanced age before overtaken by death, and they became the parents of the following children: Eliza; Julia Ann; David; Rachel; John K., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; Maria; Rebecca; Susan; and Abraham. These children were reared under religious influences and upon reaching maturity became a credit to the various communities in which they lived.

John K. Grotz learned the trade of a harnessmaker early in life and followed the trade with Isaac Green until September, 1830, at the head of Market street. In 1830 Mr. Green went west and our subject succeeded to the ownership of the establishment. He then purchased the lot where he now resides and erected a shop there and later a residence. He continued to follow harnessmaking until 1866, when he retired to devote his attention to a tannery which he built in 1851 on a lot on Hemlock street, which he purchased in 1850.

He continued to operate his tannery with almost phenomenal success until 1870, when, on account of his declining years, he decided to retire. Our subject is a typical self-made man, having had nothing but his own efforts, industry and enterprise to aid him when he started in business. He is an enterprising man, ever having the interest of his native town and county at heart. He has been identified with many other local business ventures and has always been regarded as a valuable counselor, much respected for his excellence of character, gentleness and kindness of disposition, and politeness of manner. He has an excellent memory and is almost daily referred to in regard to some event which transpired during his young manhood, and he never fails to answer correctly and satisfactorily all queries put to him. Mr. Grotz is wonderfully preserved for one of his years, his mental faculties being unimpaired, and physically he is as strong and active as men many years his junior.

Our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Elizabeth Fister, a daughter of Henry Fister of Catawissa, Pa., and they became the proud parents of five children: Mary M., widow of the late Norman J. Hendershot; Hervey H., cashier of the Bloomsburg Banking Company; Henry C., who lives in a house in Hemlock township, where the tannery formerly stood; and a daughter, who died in infancy. In religious belief Mr. Grotz is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. Socially, he was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He has been closely identified with numerous enterprises, and was one of the original stockholders and directors of the National Bank of Danville; was one of the original organizers and stockholders of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, but sold his interest in 1870 and became a director







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of the Banking Company of Bloomsburg; he is a director of the B. & L. R. R., and a stockholder in the D., L. & W. R. R. He is a Democrat in his political belief and has served many times as treasurer of the board of poor directors for the district of Bloomsburg, which office he has held for the past twenty years, and has held many other minor offices.

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REV. EDWARD A. SHARRETTS, one of the oldest ministers of Columbia County, who has had charge of the Lutheran Church at Briarcreek, Columbia County, for the past twelve years, was born in Carlisle, Pa., October 8, 1825, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Gaugler) Sharretts.

Frederick Sharretts, the father of our subject, was born in Beavertown, Snyder County, Pa., and in his early manhood learned the trade of a harnessmaker, which business he followed a number of years. When the War of 1812 broke out he enlisted in the army and at the close of the war held the rank of major. Returning to that part of Union County now known as Snyder County, he followed farming a few years and then moved to Carlisle, Pa., and after residing there a short time he became register and recorder of Cumberland County, which office he filled several years. In 1838 he moved to Johnstown, Pa., where he became collector of tolls on the Pennsylvania Canal and the old Portage Railroad, having been appointed by Gov. Ritner. Later he took up his trade as harnessmaker, which he followed until his death. Politically he was a stanch Whig, and served as justice of the peace for a number of years, and up to the time of his death. In religious views he was a member of the Lutheran Church

and served as deacon and elder of that church a number of years. He was united in marriage with Catherine Gaugler, a native of Snyder County, and as a result of the union seven sons and six daughters were born to them, namely: Rev. Nicholas G., deceased, who was a Lutheran minister residing at Indiana, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased, who was twice wedded,—first to John Rudisill, and upon his death, to Moses Canon of Johnstown, Pa.; John Frederick, a retired citizen of Baltimore, Md., who was for many years a clerk for the U. S. Government at Washington; Isabella, widow of the late William Swartz of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Benjamin, deceased; William, deceased; Cordelia, deceased, who was the wife of William Dysert of Gettysburg, Pa.; Jacob R., a soldier of the Rebellion, who is a resident of Johnstown, Pa.; Susanna, who married John K. Sheyock, both now deceased; George E. W., a prominent merchant of Smicksburg, Pa.; and Edward A., the subject of this sketch.

Edward A. Sharretts supplemented his primary education received in the common schools by a thorough and complete course of study at Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1851. He then entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, where he remained one year. He then taught school at Selinsgrove, Pa., for eighteen months, and while there accepted an offer made by John S. Crumbach, then principal of the Lancaster High School, to assist him in teaching his classes and to study theology at the same time, and a short time later was licensed to preach by the Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, in 1853. Rev. Mr. Sharretts was ordained at Bloomsburg in 1854 and remained in charge of the Bloomsburg charge six years, when, on account of his health, he

moved to Mount Pleasant, Pa. After a rest of six months, he accepted a pastorate at Orangeville, where he remained six years. He next had charge of the Lutheran Church at Danville, Pa., and then was called to Muncy, Lycoming County. This charge was composed of two churches, Muncy and Hughesville. He remained there three years. He then returned to Columbia County and accepted a call to the Briarcreek Church, remaining there eight years. He was then sent to Espy to preach, and after nine years of service there returned to Briarcreek, and has retained his position as pastor of the church for the past twelve years. Rev. Mr. Sharretts has been a minister of the Lutheran Church for forty-five years.

Our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity; has been a member of the board of directors of the Susquehanna University for the past ten years; was one of the founders of the Susquehanna Synod, and has been a member since it was organized, in 1868. He has been united in marriage three times; his first wife was Sophia Strickhouser of Gettysburg. His second wife was Charity Creveling, a daughter of the late Andrew Creveling of Bloomsburg, and to this union three children were born, namely: Luther Keller, an employee of the B. & O. R. R. at Brunswick, Md.; Andrew Frederick, a machinist residing at Berwick, Columbia County; and Edward Lincoln, who is employed by The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of Berwick. He formed a third matrimonial alliance with Eliza A. Kelchner, a daughter of Abraham Martz Kelchner, deceased, who was a prominent citizen of Briarcreek township, Columbia County, Pa. Mrs. Sharretts died November 26, 1898, aged sixty-four years and three months.

As one who has labored long and well in the service of the Master, we take pleasure in announcing that a portrait of Rev. Mr. Sharretts appears on a preceding page in connection with the above sketch of his life.

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JAMES H. MERCER, postmaster and proprietor of the leading drug-store of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., and one of the representative citizens of that town, was born at Mt. Vernon, Otis township, Knox County, Ohio, June 20, 1858, and is a son of William and Nancy (Honey) Mercer.

William Mercer is a son of Levi Mercer and is a native of the state of Pennsylvania. He lived the most of his life in Knox County, where he was engaged in tilling the soil on the old homestead; he was also local preacher in the Baptist Church of his town for many years. He was joined in marriage to Nancy Honey, and the following children were born to them: Alban R.; James H., the subject of this sketch; Frank T.; Carrie E., deceased; Clement L.; William C.; George S.; Susan M.; and Lee D.

James H. Mercer attended the public schools and remained under the parental roof until he was eighteen years of age and then began clerking in a store at Utica, Ohio. Later he entered the College of Pharmacy at Philadelphia and was graduated from that institution in 1881; he immediately went to Mt. Holly, N. J., where he was employed as a clerk in a drug-store. In 1884 he removed to Bloomsburg and purchased the drug-store of J. H. Kinport, which he enlarged, and today he conducts one of the best patronized drug-stores in Bloomsburg. On February 8, 1893, our subject was appointed postmaster of Bloomsburg, which position he still holds



and fills to the satisfaction of the public and Post Office Department.

Our subject was joined in the bonds of matrimony to Annie Mary Brugler, a daughter of Peter Brugler, a granddaughter of John Brugler and great-granddaughter of Peter Brugler. Peter Brugler, Sr., was a native of Limestone, Montour County, Pa., and about 1790 he moved to Jerseytown, Columbia County, Pa., and later to Hemlock township, Columbia County, where he purchased 200 acres of uncultivated land. He cleared part of his farm and engaged in farming, and was one of the pioneer settlers of that district. He passed from this life aged ninety-four years; his wife died at the age of seventy years. They reared one son, John, who married Mary A. King of New Jersey; they resided upon the old homestead, and he purchased a tract of 160 acres which adjoined the original homestead. He retired to the town of Bloomsburg, where he died, aged sixty years; his wife died aged fifty-nine years. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters: Peter; James R.; Elisha; Martha, wife of Layton Runyon of Bloomsburg, and Mary, widow of Rev. Edward Wardin, formerly of Bloomsburg, who died in Carthage, Mo., in 1897. Peter and Elisha carried on agricultural pursuits until 1872, when Peter Brugler moved to Bloomsburg and retired from active life, with the exception of looking after his estate. He erected on the corner of Third and Jefferson streets a handsome residence and spent the remainder of his life there, living in happiness and comfort. He entered the world of rest January 7, 1888. He was wedded July 16, 1862, to Sue Billig, a daughter of Daniel and Martha (Talbert) Billig, and they reared five children, namely: Anna May, the wife of our subject; Lizzie J., deceased; John, deceased;

Elmer, a druggist residing in Philadelphia; and Martha, a school teacher residing in Bloomsburg. Mrs. Brugler survives her husband and resides with our subject in Bloomsburg. Peter Brugler, the father of our subject's wife, was born in Hemlock township, Columbia County, October 7, 1824, and was one of the foremost agriculturists of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Mercer have been blessed by the following children: James Clyde, born September 20, 1887; Irene B., born January 4, 1889; one, who died in infancy; and Robert Honey, born in May, 1896.

Since Mr. Mercer's arrival in the town he has been prominently identified with its interests and is considered one of its most valued citizens. He does all in his power to assist in the building up of the community and is considered one of its mainstays. He is an esteemed citizen, carrying on his business in a quiet and unostentatious manner, and is honorable and upright in his transactions.

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**H**ARVEY A. MCKILLIP, a distinguished attorney-at-law and a highly respected citizen of Bloomsburg, was born in Martinsburg, Blair County, Pa., and is a son of Charles A. and Delilah (Skyles) McKillip.

Our subject received his intellectual training in the common and high schools of his native town, after which he was engaged in clerking for some time. He then formed a partnership with his brother, and they were engaged as photographers in Bloomsburg. As our subject was of studious habits he put in his spare moments reading law. By hard and continuous study he mastered the profession and was admitted to the bar in 1891.



He immediately after entered practice and was successful from the start. He is a fluent and ready speaker and has the happy faculty of being able to repeat a fact once learned, and his wonderful memory stands him in good stead in the practice of law, as he can readily recall the statutes of the law without reference to his books. His ability is well known and he has a large practice, mainly private counsel. He is a man of sound judgment, probity, broad intelligence and many sterling qualities, and has the respect and esteem of the community at large. As a citizen Mr. McKillip is interested in everything that promotes the good and welfare of the community. He is an attendant at the Presbyterian Church. Besides his law practice he is interested in some of the manufacturing industries of Bloomsburg and is a director in the Bloomsburg Brass & Copper Company.

Mr. McKillip was united in matrimonial bonds to Mary C. McKelvey, a daughter of Dr. James Boyd McKelvey, who is one of the oldest and most prominent physicians and surgeons in Bloomsburg. Dr. James Boyd McKelvey was educated in the common schools of Bloomsburg and in Lenox Academy at Lenox, Mass. He also took a complete course in Williams College, from which institution he graduated in 1845. He then read medicine under the preceptorship of the late Dr. John Ramsay of Bloomsburg, Pa., and later attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received a diploma as a physician and surgeon in 1849. He immediately after entered upon practice at Mifflinville, Pa., where he remained for some time, and then moved to Kentucky, Pa., later going to Arkadelphia, Ark. After engaging in practice there for one year, he returned to Bloomsburg, where he has since remained, and has had a wonderfully successful practice.

December 25, 1851, he married Mary Elizabeth Abbett, a daughter of George and Mary (Craig) Abbett.

Ardently American in his ideas, Mr. McKillip has taken a leading part in Republican politics and has been honored by his party in receiving the nomination for the State Assembly, and for two years has been chairman of the county committee.

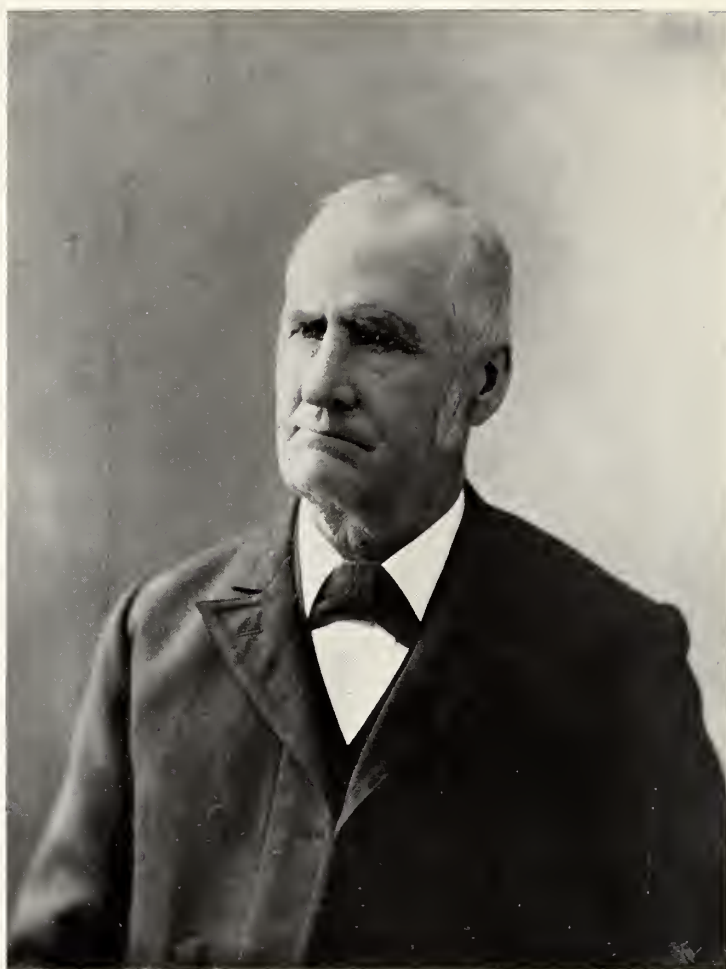
Mr. McKillip is very prominent in the Masonic fraternity in the state. He is a past officer of the State Grand Council, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, and A. C. of Constantine, an active member of the Grand Cross of the U. S., and is a Thirty-third Degree Mason. He is yet a young man, an untiring worker, and, from the records of the past, we do not hesitate to predict a brilliant future for him.

CHARLES C. EVANS, attorney and counselor-at-law, residing and practicing in the town of Berwick, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia County, Pa., January 10, 1858.

His preparatory education was obtained in the common schools of the district and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. During the winter of 1876-77 he taught the Martzville public school in Briarcreek township. In the fall of 1877 he entered Lafayette College, taking a four years' course, and was graduated therefrom in June, 1881. In July, 1881, he entered the office of Hon. Simon P. Wolverton as a law student, and was admitted to the Northumberland County Bar July 14, 1883. In August of the same year he opened a law office in the borough of Berwick, Columbia County.

On February 23, 1888, our subject married





JOSEPH D. THOMPSON.

Annie Wendle Sloan, the youngest daughter of Morris C. Sloan, of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Mr. Evans is president of the Berwick Water Company and the Berwick School Board. He enjoys a large and lucrative law practice.

Politically, Mr. Evans is a Republican. In the fall of 1898 the judicial conferees of Columbia County were instructed for Mr. Evans as a candidate for president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District.

JOSEPH D. THOMPSON, one of the prominent and well-to-do citizens of the town of Berwick, Columbia County, Pa., whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is principally engaged in hauling sand for The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company. He was born in Berwick November 7, 1821, and is a son of Hugh and Ann (Dodson) Thompson and a grandson of Paul Thompson.

The Thompsons are of Scotch-Irish descent, and Paul Thompson, the grandfather of our subject, was born in County Derry, Ireland, March 1, 1754, and died at his home in Berwick, Columbia County, Pa., July 8, 1807. His wife Nancy was born May 10, 1754, and passed from this life September 16, 1823. Mr. Thompson and family bade farewell to their native country July 9, 1792, sailed for America and located in Dillsburg, York County, Pa. Paul Thompson learned the trade of a potter in his younger days and followed that occupation throughout his entire life. He remained in York County until 1798, when he and his family moved to Berwick, Columbia County, and there he built the first pottery that was erected in that section of the county. His plant was located where the Methodist Church now stands, and

the earthenware he made he sold to the settlers along the Susquehanna River; he owned a flatboat which he used to convey his goods up and down the river. When the grandfather of our subject took up his residence in Berwick there were but few houses in the town, and he lived to see a fair-sized and prosperous community grow up around him. In religious views he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was the progenitor of two sons and three daughters, namely: Hugh, the father of our subject; Jane, born in Ireland November 21, 1781, died April 14, 1807; Margaret, born January 1, 1783, died April 15, 1855; Alexander, born May 1, 1790, who was engaged in the pottery business all his life; and Ann, born January 6, 1792, and died November 29, 1856.

Hugh Thompson, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland in 1780 and came to this country with his parents in 1792. He spent his boyhood days working with his father and learning the pottery trade, which he continued to follow until within a few years of his death. Upon his father's death he succeeded him in his business, immediately enlarged the plant and built up a large and paying business. He was also engaged in the cultivation of the soil and was the proprietor of a farm consisting of 150 acres of productive land. A part of his farm is now in the town of Berwick and a part is now the homestead owned by our subject. He was an emergency man during the War of 1812. Mr. Thompson was one of the valued members of his community, and his home for many years was made the stopping-place of the Methodist ministers of the section. He was united in the bonds of wedlock with Ann Dodson, and to this union three sons and three daughters were born, as follows: Paul, who died in infancy; Richard, born June 14, 1811, died May



25, 1895, who was a farmer by occupation and a partner with his brother in the pottery business; Alexander, born October 6, 1813, died December 12, 1881, was formerly engaged in the pottery business and later in the foundry at Tunkhannock, Luzerne County, Pa., and also was justice of the peace many years; Susan, born February 22, 1816, died December 27, 1895, was the wife of Rev. Ege, a well-known Methodist minister of the Baltimore Conference; Jane, born December 5, 1818, was the wife of Dr. Berket; our subject; and Elizabeth Ann, born March 3, 1828, who is the wife of P. C. Wadsworth, who was justice of the peace of Townhill, Luzerne County, Pa., many years.

Joseph D. Thompson, our subject, acquired a good education in the common schools of his native town and then worked in his father's pottery, and when he attained the age of twenty-one years he and his brother, Richard, succeeded their father in the business and successfully carried it on until 1853, when the firm dissolved partnership and our subject became sole proprietor. In 1863 Mr. Thompson discontinued the business, as the demand for earthenware became very light, moved upon his present farm, where he has since resided. Since 1870 he has been engaged in hauling sand for The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of Berwick, for which work he requires the continual use of from six to eight mules.

Mr. Thompson was wedded in 1846 to Mary Bonham, and this union was blessed by the birth of one child, Almira, who died in infancy. Mrs. Thompson passed from this life December 21, 1850, and on February 23, 1858, our subject was again united in marriage to Mary Hull, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Hugh, who is engaged in hauling sand with his father; and

Annie E., the wife of J. S. Housneck, treasurer and bookkeeper for the Armour meat market at Shenandoah, Pa.

Aaron Hull, father of our subject's wife, was a native of Easton, Pa., and was a millwright by trade. He removed to Berwick in 1840 and served as toll collector on the Berwick bridge a number of years. His death occurred in 1867, at the age of sixty-nine years. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Church. He was married to Elizabeth McPherson, who passed from this earth in 1858, aged fifty-six years. They reared a family of two sons and three daughters, namely: Esther, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel E. Smith of Berwick; William, who was a dispatch-bearer in the Civil War, and passed from this life at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., in 1864; Edward, formerly a butcher residing at Shickshinny, Pa.; Mary, the wife of our subject; and Kate, widow of the late J. H. Mears, a contractor and builder.

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**W**ELDAAH WILCOX, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Fox township, Sullivan County, Pa., is a son of Gideon and Mary (Hoagland) Wilcox, and was born on what is known as the F. Morgan farm, in that township, April 18, 1859.

Our subject's great-grandfather was John Wilcox, who was more familiarly known as "Dr. John." He was a native of New York State, but at the time of his death resided in Fox township. During the War of 1812 he shouldered a musket and marched to the front, and in one of the battles was severely wounded, but recovered and lived to reach a ripe old age.

Our subject's grandfather was John D.

Wilcox, who moved to Fox township, Sullivan County, from New York State soon after his marriage, taking up a tract of 400 acres of land, for which he paid a nominal sum. After erecting a log house he went back to New York for his wife, and returning, they settled in the wilderness, carving a home out of the forest, and enduring many of the hardships incident to pioneer life. In a few years they cleared many acres and toward the close of their lives were in comparatively comfortable circumstances. His wife's maiden name was Deborah Stewart, and they reared a family of eleven children, namely: Deborah; John; Charles; Gideon; William; Sally; Chloe; Nancy; Mary J.; Joseph; and Rheuamy. Mr. Wilcox never carried on any other business than farming, but he took a part in politics, and was looked upon as one of the most fair-minded as well as one of the most just men in the county. He was one of the commission appointed to decide the location of the county seat, his choice being Forksville, but as history and facts show he was overborne by a majority. He was a Whig in politics until that party met its death in the great anti-slavery storm, and when the Republican party was formed he used his influence in its favor until death called him away. He lived to a good old age, and dying was laid to rest in the cemetery at West Franklin.

Gideon Wilcox, the father of our subject, was born in Fox township, Sullivan County, August 11, 1827, and was educated in its public schools and lived there throughout his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning at the time of our subject's birth some 250 acres of the best land in the township. He was active in local politics, holding successively many of the town offices and fulfilling his duties to the entire satisfaction of his con-

stituents. In religion both he and his family were members of the Society of Friends. He was first united in marriage with Mary Hoagland, on January 27, 1853, and the following offspring resulted: Sarah, the wife of Joseph Henderson; Martin C., who is still unmarried; G. Eldaah; and Maurice Ellis, who married Nettie Hart. Mr. Wilcox formed a second union with Lucy Lilly, on April 28, 1870, and their children are: Belle, who married Enos Tremain; Lottie; Helen, the wife of George Caseman; Seymour; Franklin; and Eleanor A.

G. Eldaah Wilcox, whose name heads these lines, was educated in the common schools of his native township until he was fourteen years of age, after which he attended the Westtown Academy for two and one-half years; being precocious by nature, his intellectual development was above the average. His bent of mind, however, was mechanical and not caring to teach until he had learned a trade, he served four years' apprenticeship at carpentering. He then entered upon a successful career, teaching school during the winter months and following his trade during the milder seasons, for a period of eleven years. He then turned his attention to farming, at which he has continued up to the present time. He purchased a farm of 111 acres of John H. Wilcox and Lorenzo Brown, and he has never ceased to beautify and add improvements to this land, on which he still resides. He is a very popular man and has many friends throughout his section.

Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage with Lizzie Cook, a daughter of William Cook, a prominent farmer of Chester County, and Margaret (McConomy) Cook, and they are the parents of the following children: Lizzie; William; John; Robert; Jennie, deceased; George; James; Walter; Anna M.; Maria; Ma-

bel; Chester; and Bessie. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox are the parents of the following children: Jesse J., Clara M., Jennie B. and Edwin H. Mr. Wilcox does not take an active interest in politics, yet he has served his township seven years as auditor, and has been school director for two terms, being elected on the Republican ticket. Religiously he is a member of the Society of Friends.

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**H**ARRY W. WILSON, of the firm of R. F. Wilson & Co., manufacturers of leather fly-nets, of Milton, Pa., is a son of William E. Wilson and a grandson of Robert Wilson, who was the inventor of leather fly-nets for horses.

Robert Wilson was born October 16, 1810, at Williamsport, Pa., and early in life he learned the saddler's and harnessmaker's trade, at which he worked in his native town and also in New York State. In 1850 he settled in Milton, Pa., where he worked as a journeyman at his trade, and six years later he devised what has since been known all over the United States as the Wilson Fly Net. In 1856 he commenced on a small scale, employing only three or four men, the manufacture of leather fly-nets and placed them upon the market. Their value was at once recognized and the demand increased in one year from 400 to thousands. Mr. Wilson secured a patent for the nets in 1858, and in 1870 sold 3,000, while in 1879 the sale had increased to 25,000. He began the manufacture of nets in the Goodlander building, and in 1860 he formed a partnership with Mr. Funk, who was with him five years, retiring in 1865. During the Rebellion he felt it his duty to defend his country's honor and volunteered in 1863, serving three months and then return-

ing to his former business of manufacturing fly-nets. After the partnership with Mr. Funk was dissolved, Robert Wilson took his son, William E. Wilson, as a partner; and one year later he sold his interest to his second son, Reuben F., retiring from business. He died in 1870. He was united in marriage to Lucretia Heinen, a daughter of Dr. Henry Heinen; she died in 1853, leaving three sons: William E., our subject's father; Henry H.; and Reuben F., who married Mrs. Rebecca Overpeck in 1860.

William E. Wilson, our subject's father, was born in Milton, October 9, 1837. After going through the public schools and Milton Academy he learned the trade of harnessmaking and worked as a journeyman for several years. He then enlisted in the Navy and was acting as master-mate on the Ironsides at the beginning of the Civil War, in which capacity he continued to serve until the close of the war in 1865. He returned to Milton and went into partnership for one year with his father, Robert Wilson, the inventor, in the manufacture of leather horse fly-nets. When his father retired he took his brother, Reuben F., in the business and they continued under the firm name of Reuben F. Wilson & Bro. until 1875, when he retired from the business and died July 2, 1882. From 1875 to 1888 the business was conducted under the firm name of R. F. Wilson. In that year it was changed to R. F. Wilson & Co., which style it retains up to the present year. William E. Wilson firmly supported the Republican party and held many minor township offices. He married Mary H. Foreman and reared a family of twelve children, namely: Arrabella, deceased; Sally, now deceased; Annie Lucretia; Harry W., our subject; Robert G.; Winfield S.; Robert F.; Grace G.; Rebecca; Jacob V., now deceased; Lizzie,







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now deceased; and Kate. Mrs. Wilson is still living and resides in Milton.

Harry W. Wilson, our subject, was born December 17, 1865, in Milton, Pa. He attended the public and high schools of his native town until 1880, when he began work in the fly-net manufactory of his ancestors, and continued there for twelve years, when his faithful services were rewarded by his being made a partner in the concern. The firm is composed of Mrs. R. F. Wilson, Marshal Reid, B. F. Vandegrift, and H. W. Wilson. Mr. Marshal Reid is the general manager, and H. W. Wilson and B. F. Vandegrift have charge of the details of the business. The firm manufactures 40,000 fly-nets annually, for which are used fifty sides of leather per day, making three grades, fine, extra fine, and common, black. The firm has established a fine reputation for first-class work all over the United States and the goods are shipped from Maine to California.

Our subject married Lizzie A. Trate, a daughter of John Trate of New Columbus, Pa. Two children have blessed this union: Mary L., and Ruth, who died in infancy. Mr. Wilson is a staunch Republican and although he never aspired to public office, his many friends have persuaded him to accept some political honors.

DR. ISAAH W. WILLITS. This Book of Biographies would indeed be incomplete if mention were not made of one of Bloomsburg's prominent and influential citizens, the gentleman whose name appears above and whose portrait is presented on a preceding page. He has been engaged in the practice of medicine there for many years, and is at the head of the well-known Dr. I. W. Willits' Medicine Company.

He was born in Catawissa, Columbia County, May 22, 1843, and is a son of George H. and Jane (Clark) Willits.

The Willits family is of English extraction, Richard Willits, who came from England prior to 1650, being the first of that name to locate in America. His son Thomas was born in this country in 1650, and reared a son Thomas, who was born in 1682 and located in the state of Pennsylvania in 1738. He was the progenitor of a large family of children, one of whom was Isaiah, the grandfather of our subject.

Isaiah Willits, our subject's grandfather, was born in 1732, and early in life learned the trade of a tanner, which he followed in Catawissa, being one of the first business men of that vicinity. He erected a large tannery there, and resided on the corner of First and South streets, which is now the property of W. W. Perry. Isaiah Willits was united in matrimonial bonds with Rachel Hughes, and they became the happy parents of the following children: George H.; Charles; John; Matilda; Elizabeth; Clinton; and Townsend.

George H. Willits, the father of our subject, was born at Catawissa and upon the retirement of his father took charge of the tannery, which he conducted until he was obliged to give up the business on account of failing health. It was necessary for him to obtain open-air work, so he accepted a contract to build a half-mile of the Pennsylvania Canal along the rocks of that vicinity. One year later he engaged in coal mining in Schuylkill County, shipping the product of his mine to the city of Philadelphia. Selling out his interest in the boats, he purchased some 300 acres of good farm land near Catawissa, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1867. He then disposed of his

property and settled in Catawissa, where he spent the remainder of his life in retirement, dying in 1881, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was an active politician, affiliating with the Republican party. In 1851 he was elected for a five years' term as associate judge, and later served as postmaster and in other minor offices. He was united in marriage with Jane Clark, a daughter of John Clark, one of Catawissa's early and prominent merchants. She passed to her eternal resting place in 1883, aged seventy-three years. Their union resulted in the following issue: twin daughters, who died in infancy; Isaiah W., a sketch of whose life is here recorded; Jane Cordelia, who was born in 1850, and was called Home in 1888; and Charles Clark, who was for many years a physician and druggist of Catawissa, but is now the proprietor of the leading dry goods store of Sunbury, Northumberland County.

Isaiah W. Willits was in attendance at the public schools until he was twelve years of age, after which he took a course of two years' study in the select school of Eaton & Wells, and spent one year in the Greenwood Seminary at Millville, Pa. Then, after spending a year in the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, he became a clerk in Bittenbender & Co.'s store, of which firm his father was a silent partner. He remained there one year, and then for two years was engaged in a similar capacity for D. G. Driesbach at Beach Haven, Pa. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 132d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., of which he was made orderly sergeant. He was but twenty years of age when he was promoted to the position of lieutenant, in December, 1862. He was struck in the knee by a shell in the battle of Fredericksburg, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. He was sent to the hospital to

recuperate at Georgetown and was discharged May 24, 1863, with his regiment at the expiration of term of service. He returned home and in a short time his strong constitution asserted itself and his recovery was sufficient to permit him to enlist as captain of Company E, 30th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., being one of the youngest officers in the service. He received his discharge after ninety days of service. He was in a number of important engagements, and always showed a willingness to perform his full share of the duties, displaying bravery and coolness in the thickest of the fight. Upon returning home he took up the study of medicine with Dr. John K. Robbins of Catawissa, after which he attended Jefferson Medical College until 1866, when he took up a practice and continued until 1874, when he returned to college and completed his course. He continued to practice at Catawissa, where he remained for seventeen years, and then went to Roanoke, Va., in August, 1883. March 17, 1885, he took up his residence at Bloomsburg, where his success was immediate. He has remained there since and his patronage has assumed large proportions, many of the leading citizens being numbered among his patients. In 1897 he formed a stock company, the Dr. I. W. Willits' Medicine Co., which manufactures Willits' Neuralgia Cure and Willits' Vitalizer for all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. They have both been proven excellent remedies, and have had a large sale throughout the state. In 1893 he opened and conducted a gold cure establishment at Bloomsburg with splendid results. Dr. Willits has also dealt extensively in real estate, owning a number of farms in Pennsylvania and in West Virginia, where he has also bought and built many houses. He is a public-spirited man and takes an active interest in the welfare of the town of Bloomsburg.



In 1866 Dr. Willits formed a matrimonial alliance with Marcilia R. Reifsnyder, a daughter of George and Harriet Reifsnyder of Catawissa. She passed into the realms of the unknown in 1877, and two years later our subject was united in wedlock with Mrs. Kate P. Reifsnyder, a daughter of George and Mary Scott. In political belief the Doctor is a Republican and has served as councilman for one term. Socially he is a Mason, and has received the degree of Knight Templar; he is also a member of the G. A. R. post.

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**S**AMUEL C. CREASY, senior member of the firm of Creasy & Wells, the largest lumber merchants of Columbia County, Pa., whose yards are located at Bloomsburg, is one of the prosperous and enterprising business men of the borough. This highly esteemed citizen was born at Light Street, Columbia County, Pa., November 21, 1860, and is a son of Henry W. and Martha E. (Sloan) Creasy, and a grandson of Samuel and Mary (Brown) Creasy.

Our subject's great-grandfather was Henry Creasy, who came from the state of New Jersey and settled in Mifflin township, Columbia County. His son Samuel, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia County, and began life as a farmer, which occupation he followed but a short time, when, in partnership with George and Elisha Brown, he embarked in the mercantile business, which he carried on until death claimed him, at the age of seventy-five years. He married Mary Brown, who bore him a family of eight children, namely: Henry W.; Nathan B.; Horace; Elizabeth; Daniel B.; William; John J.; and Fanny. Our

subject's grandmother passed from this life aged eighty-six years.

Henry Wesley Creasy, the father of our subject, was born at Mifflinville, Columbia County, Pa., October 17, 1825. His boyhood days were spent attending school and when young he began clerking in a flouring mill and later worked in a mercantile store at Berwick, Pa. Having become thoroughly acquainted with the mercantile business he went to Lime Ridge, Pa., where he ran a store on his own account; later he sold out and went to Light Street, Pa., where he clerked for James Melick, but was soon taken in as a partner. William Creasy subsequently purchased the interests of Mr. Melick, and for three years the business was carried on under the firm name of Creasy Bros. Upon the death of William he was succeeded by his brother Daniel, who is now a merchant of Bloomsburg. The two brothers, Henry and Daniel, in addition to carrying on a mercantile store, conducted a lumber-yard until the death of our subject's father, which occurred October 30, 1868. Mr. Creasy was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and was steward and superintendent of the Sunday School. He was joined in marriage with Martha Sloan, a daughter of George and Susan (Melick) Sloan, and granddaughter of David Sloan, who came from Ireland and settled at Summer Hill, Briarcreek township, Columbia County. George Sloan was a farmer and started his son Samuel in the mercantile business at Light Street, Pa.; while he was en route to Philadelphia to purchase goods Samuel was drowned and his father took charge of the store and conducted it until his death. He died aged sixty-three years. He was married to Susan Melick and they had a family of five children, who grew to maturity, as follows: Samuel; Susan-



na; Mary Jane; Margaret B.; and Martha E., the mother of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Creasy were the parents of five children, all of whom died young except our subject. They were as follows: Alice and Wilbur, deceased, were twins and were born March 26, 1859; Samuel, our subject; George Edwin, died May 29, 1863; and Maggie A., died February 17, 1867.

Our subject, with his mother, moved to Bloomsburg in 1871, where Samuel attended the State Normal School and later the Kingston Seminary. Upon leaving school he clerked for a period of three years, and in 1883 he embarked in the lumber business on a small scale. Later he took in Mr. Wells as a partner and they now have their yard located between Sixth and Seventh streets, which is the largest lumber-yard in the county. They also carry a complete line of sashes, doors, blinds, and other house furnishings, and give employment to a large force of men. They own a mill and cut and saw their own lumber, and have purchased many hundred acres of timberland in the vicinity. The proprietors are men of hustling ability and have established a trade second to none in the county, and our subject has not only sold many houses in the town but has erected more houses than any other man in Bloomsburg. Mr. Creasy is one of the most energetic and active business men of Bloomsburg, and has assisted in many of the most flourishing enterprises in the borough. He is popular, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens.

Samuel C. Creasy was united in the bonds of matrimony to May Wells, a daughter of E. C. Wells, whose sketch also appears in this Book of Biographies. Seven children have blessed this happy union: Annie, Martha, Edward, Ruth and Ethel; and Clifton

and Clyde, deceased. Mr. Creasy has served his fellow-citizens as president of the town council and has held other public offices.

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**W**ILLIAM FIELD SHAY, an attorney of Watsontown, is one of the most prominent and active men of the borough, also a literary man who has compiled and contributed much historical data for useful reference for the rising generation. He was born in Northumberland, Pa., and is the only son of Philip and Mary Elizabeth (Wallis) Shay, the latter a daughter of Dr. Samuel H. Wallis, and a granddaughter of Samuel Wallis, the pioneer of the West Branch Valley.

Philip Shay, our subject's father, was born in Pittston, Kennebec County, Maine, in 1813, and was a son of Michael and Anna Shay, both of whom died in 1821. In his early manhood Philip Shay went to Baltimore, Md., to assist his brother-in-law, Abiathar Field, formerly of Brookline, Mass., to establish one of the pioneer oyster packing houses at the Monumental City, and in the interest of this business Mr. Shay located at Northumberland, Pa., and at a later period became connected with the packet company in which he became "Captain" Shay. In 1854 he settled in Muncy, Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile and lumber business. In 1868 he removed to Watsontown and again engaged in mercantile business, and in 1871 he was elected chief burgess and became very much interested in many of the developments of the early growth of the borough. He was one of the incorporators and charter members of the Watsontown Bank, and was appointed by Gov. Geary as notary public, and at the close of his administration, re-appointed by

Gov. Hartranft. For eleven years he acceptably filled the position of postmaster of Watsontown, and death alone removed him, on February 2, 1885. After the death of his first wife Mr. Shay married Priscilla M. Llewellyn, who died in 1862. To them were born four children: Charles P.; Edward E.; Mary V.; and Priscilla L. He was married the third time to Emma J. Stoughton, and two children, Frank S. and Emma E., blessed their home; Frank S. Shay died in 1898. Mr. Shay was one of the incorporators and influential members of the First Presbyterian Church of Watsontown, in which he held the office of trustee for many years. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father and a man of sterling worth.

William Field Shay, our subject, after a good preliminary education in the public schools became a law student under the instruction of Oscar Foust of Watsontown, with whom he studied three years, when he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession at Watsontown. He has been admitted to practice in all the courts in this section of Pennsylvania, as well as the Supreme Court and the District and Circuit courts of the United States. He is fond of literary work and has given considerable attention to local historical matters, and a number of meritorious articles have appeared from his pen. He is one of the leading and most enterprising citizens of Watsontown, and has done much to advance the best interests of the borough, being one of the promoters of the waterworks and he secured to the town the terminus of the Central Pennsylvania & Western Railroad and since its inception has been solicitor for the road. In politics our subject supports the principles advocated by the Republican party.

Mr. Shay has an estimable wife in the per-

son of M. Alice Hower, only daughter of Hon. Charles Hower of Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa. Socially he is a member and officer of the following societies: pastmaster of Watsontown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M.; a member of both the Grand Lodge and the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and in the years 1885-86 was deputy to the grand high priest for the counties of Lycoming, Elk, Snyder, Union and Northumberland; he is also a member of the A. and A. Rite, 3rd degree.

GEORGE MATTHEW QUICK, attorney-at-law and ex-prothonotary of Columbia County, is one of the most prominent members of his profession in the town of Bloomsburg. He is finely educated, well versed in the intricacies of his calling and stands high among the members of the legal profession. Our subject was born in Montour township, Columbia County, Pa., November 15, 1857, and is a son of William Grier and Sarah (McBride) Quick, and a grandson of John H. and Sarah (Moore) Quick.

John H. Quick was a native of the state of New Jersey and during his early days he followed the trade of a shoemaker. Later he settled in Rush township, Northumberland County, but in 1831 he moved to Montour township, where he purchased a farm of 155 acres and there carried on general farming the rest of his life. Mr. Quick was one of the progressive farmers of Montour township, and the position Rush holds among her sister townships is due to the efforts of such men as Mr. Quick, who braved the hardships of pioneer life and, by persevering toil, subdued

the land and brought it to its present state. He was united in marriage to Sarah Moore, who bore him the following children: John G., deceased; Charles, deceased; William G., deceased; Rosetta, who was the wife of Elias Dietrich; Mahala, wife of Eddings Barkley; Hettie, who wedded James Barton; Catherine; and Sarah, who married Thomas Thornton, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Quick died aged sixty-five years.

William Grier Quick, father of our subject, was born in Rush township, Northumberland County, Pa., September 4, 1815, and from his father learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed for a short time. Attaining his manhood, he moved to Montour township and purchased a small farm and carried on farming until he became lock-tender; later he became foreman of the North Branch of the Pennsylvania Canal between Danville and Stonytown; he remained in charge of that position for nineteen years and then was foreman of the Wyoming Valley Branch for ten years. Later he was supervisor for the Pennsylvania Canal Company for eleven years, thus making forty years' service in the company's employ. In 1868 Mr. Quick was elected county commissioner for a term of three years. He was joined in wedlock to Sarah McBride, a daughter of William McBride of Hemlock township. To Mr. and Mrs. Quick was born a family of six children, namely: William M., a blacksmith by trade; Hugh D., a resident of Rupert, Pa.; James, also a resident of Rupert; John B., who resides in Orangeville, Columbia County; Samuel M., deceased; and George M., our subject.

Our subject received his primary training in the public schools and the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Upon his father's death he became foreman on the Pennsyl-

vania Canal and remained in the position for two years, when he resigned to accept the office of deputy prothonotary, which he filled for ten years; he was then elected prothonotary by the largest vote ever cast for a candidate for that office. After serving six years he was admitted to the bar January 2, 1897, upon the following resolutions of which he may be justly proud, a compliment never before given to any retiring prothonotary in the Commonwealth:

"Now, January 2, 1897, at a meeting of the Columbia County Bar Association, regularly called and held at 9 a. m. this day, the following was, on motion,—'Resolved, That the rule of court as to the admission of attorneys to the Bar of Columbia County be suspended to permit the admission of G. M. Quick, Esq., as a member of said bar in recognition of his sixteen years' continuous and particularly efficient service as Prothonotary and Clerk of the several courts of said county; and that the bar hereby join with the board of examiners in recommending his admission'—unanimously adopted."

Upon opening his law office in Bloomsburg Mr. Quick was given a reception by the attorneys of that town.

Mr. Quick chose for his life companion Miss Eva Bidleman, a daughter of William J. and Rebecca Bidleman of Bloomsburg, and two children bless their home, William G. and Eugene. In politics our subject is a Democrat and wide-awake to the interests of the party. He stands high in the estimation of the people and is one of the prominent citizens of the community in which he resides. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Quick has fine natural abilities, is a good speaker, exceedingly diligent and careful and, being a man of magnificent presence and fine manners, has risen rapidly to distinction.



**G**EORGE M. GEARHART, a scion of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Northumberland County, is at present assistant cashier of the Danville National Bank, with which he has been connected since 1864. He is a son of Bonham and Elizabeth S. (Boyd) Gearhart, and was born in Rush township, Northumberland County, March 18, 1841.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Jacob Gearhart, was a native of Strangsborg, Germany, and came to America prior to the Revolutionary War, locating in New Jersey, in what is now Hunterdon County. He fought throughout the Revolution as a captain in the Jersey State Militia and rendered valuable aid to the cause of liberty. The war having closed, and as he had friends residing in what is now Northumberland County, Pa., he migrated to that section with his family. By means of horses and wagons they made their way over uncultivated and almost pathless land to their new home, stopping to rest on the property now owned by William F. Gearhart, where they found a small and rude log cabin which was vacant. They took a survey of the surrounding country, and, the land upon examination proving very fertile and well adapted for cultivation, decided to settle there. Mr. Gearhart made purchase after purchase, until he owned about 500 acres of good but uncleared land, upon which he built one of the first frame houses in the county, the one in which William F. Gearhart now resides, which is still in good condition and will stand for many years. With the assistance of his children he cleared some 200 acres and set out a large orchard which was totally destroyed by a hail-storm in 1846. This sturdy old pioneer lived a long and useful life. His worthy wife was Katherine Kline, by whom he had the following offspring: Jacob, born

in 1763, died in 1841; Herman, born in 1765, died in 1835; William, died in 1854, at the age of seventy-eight years; George; Tunis; John, died in 1858, aged seventy years; Charles, born in 1783, died in 1863; Isaac; Catherine; Mary; and Betsey.

George Gearhart, the grandfather of our subject, was born in what is now Hunterdon County, N. J., and after attaining man's estate his father transferred a tract of land to him, which is situated about one mile from the river bridge on the Susquehanna River. He erected good substantial buildings and was successfully engaged in the cultivation of the soil all of his life. He added to his property from time to time and at his death owned some 300 or 400 acres lying along the Susquehanna. The buildings upon this property have long since been torn down and the estate laid out in lots, now forming a portion of the village of South Danville, adjoining Riverside. George was joined in wedlock to Achsah Reynon, who died at an early age, and they became the parents of the following children: Bonham R., the father of our subject; Benjamin; Eliza; and Rebecca. Mr. Gearhart formed a second alliance, with Phoebe Lott, which resulted in the birth of three children: Achsah; George; and Herman.

Bonham R. Gearhart was born in the same room, in the same month, and same day of the month as our subject, and obtained his schooling in the common schools. He was a natural scholar, and at the age of twenty-one years was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College. He immediately after took up practice at Sunbury, and later at Washingtonville, where he remained for a time before locating in Turbotville, whence he moved to Danville, Montour County. He was a skilled physician and had a large practice through-



out the township, numbering among his patients many of the leading citizens of Danville. He was well posted on all advances made in medical sciences, and was up-to-date in his treatment of complicated diseases. He was very highly thought of by all classes of people as he treated many cases for which he knew he would never receive pay. He was called to his final rest at the age of forty-two years, as a result of an attack of pneumonia. He was united in hymeneal bonds to Miss Elizabeth Boyd, a daughter of William Boyd of Danville, and they became the parents of the following children: Achsah; William B. of Danville; George M., whose name heads these lines, had a twin sister whose death occurred in infancy; Bonham R., Jr., of Danville; Jasper B.; James B.; Alexander M., a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; and M. Grier. Mrs. Gearhart is now past eighty-four years of age and is enjoying life as a resident of Danville, where she has many lifelong friends.

George M. Gearhart received a good education in the public schools and in the high school at Danville, from which he graduated. He learned the drug trade with Michael C. Grier, and, as the telegraph office was in the same store, he learned telegraphy and subsequently was train dispatcher at Kingston, Pa., on the D., L. & W. Railroad, at which he continued until 1864, when he moved to Danville and became teller in the Danville National Bank. He served in that capacity for twenty-seven years, during which time he thoroughly familiarized himself with banking business and banking methods and was thus well qualified for his next step in life, assuming the duties of cashier of the bank, which position he held in a satisfactory manner until 1896, when he was obliged to give up work

on account of ill health. Mr. Gearhart spent some time in retirement and has now recuperated to such an extent that he can do work about the office and is now acting as assistant cashier. He is a man of excellent business ability, is shrewd and calculating, and has been decidedly successful in his business affairs. He has many excellent traits of character and we may safely assert, without fear of contradiction, that no citizen of Danville ever had more friends or was held in higher esteem than Mr. Gearhart. He lives in a beautiful residence on Market street and owns considerable other property in the town. He is treasurer and secretary of the Danville Bridge Company, and has served on the school board for three years.

Our subject was united in marriage to Cordelia Clark, a daughter of David Clark, deceased, who was cashier of the Danville National Bank from 1850 to 1893, and was also president of that institution. This happy union has been blessed by the birth of the following children: David Clark, who died at the age of three years and six months; Charles Willits, a graduate of Lehigh University, who is electrical engineer at the power-house of the Brooklyn Bridge, New York City; and Eleanor Clark, the wife of Frederick C. Kirkendall, by whom she has one son, Charles F. Religiously Mr. Gearhart is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

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**J**OE A. LOGAN. We are pleased to give a short sketch of the popular and talented editor of the *Miltonian*. This is one of the best weekly papers of the Seventeenth Congressional District; it was established in 1816 as a strong Whig paper by Gen. Henry Frick. The first number was is-





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sued September 21, 1816, and the paper has continued since under the same name. Since Fremont's campaign it has advocated the principles of the Republican party and has been owned and published by the following persons: Gen. Henry Frick; Robert Frick; Robbins & Brown; L. H. Funk; Morton & Mervine, with whom F. Bound was later associated; P. L. Hackenberg; L. B. Housel; and in 1880 Strine & Logan. Our subject succeeded his partner in 1882. The paper has been enlarged and its circulation has been increased to 1,200. It is a fact worthy of special mention that the office and printing establishment has always been located within half a square of the present location.

Joe A. Logan, our subject, was born in Milton, Pa., January 12, 1846, and is a son of Samuel and Rose (Sties) Logan. The former was born in Philadelphia and there married his wife, who was a native of Germany. They settled in Wilkesbarre, but in 1840 removed to Milton.

Our subject attended Milton Academy until he was fifteen years of age, when he enlisted in Company E, 131st Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and later in Company E, 51st Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war. He is a past commander of Henry Wilson Post, G. A. R.; and is a member of Milton Lodge, F. & A. M. He is a stockholder in the Milton Trust Company, the Milton Safe Deposit Company and the Milton Driving Park & Fair Association. He has taken such an active interest in the general improvement of his native town that he has gained much prominence in the community. Since 1880 he has devoted most of his time to his paper and his fellow-citizens show their appreciation of his efforts by subscribing liberally. The year 1882 marked an interesting event in his history, i. e., the celebration of his marriage

with Lulu Tilden, a daughter of Enos and Isabella Tilden, who were natives of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, respectively. Our subject and wife are the happy parents of three children: Bolton, Inez, and Joe A., Jr. Mr. Logan was postmaster under President Arthur and has served as a member of the town council. He has ever been a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

MR. JENNINGS U. KURTZ, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is efficiently serving in the capacity of associate judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and is a prominent business man of Berwick, being proprietor of the Berwick Marble & Granite Works, one of the largest establishments of its kind in this section of the state. He is a son of Levi and Elizabeth (Schlabach) Kurtz, and was born at Summer Hill, Briarcreek township, Columbia County, July 3, 1856.

His grandfather was Henry Kurtz, who was born in the state of Pennsylvania and came of German parents. He took up the occupation of a farmer and at an early day located in Northampton County, Pa., where he died in 1830, at the age of sixty-five years. He was also a soldier in the War of 1812. He married Charity Snyder, and their union resulted in the birth of ten children: Andrew; Levi; Henry; Millie, the wife of Frederick Ullmer; Jeremiah; William; Samuel; and three who died in childhood.

Levi Kurtz, the father of our subject, was born in Forks township, Northampton County, March 25, 1825, but in 1843, at the age of nineteen years, he moved to Columbia County, Pa., with his brother Andrew, who is now deceased, and there he followed farming. After a time, he took up the cigar-



maker's trade and followed it with considerable success at Washingtonville; while thus engaged he saved a sufficient sum of money to purchase a farm at Summer Hill, which he did at about the time of his marriage. Following farming a short term of years, he then traded his farm for a store at Foundryville, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. He followed that line of business there and at Evansville until 1863, when he relinquished it to engage in the insurance business. In 1870 he purchased the Marble & Granite Works of William Ruch, and started in business in a very small way. He was an energetic man and as success attended his efforts, he enlarged the business and in 1879 took his son, our subject, into the firm as a partner. They were located on Market street at first, but as the enterprise grew in size, they moved to larger quarters on Front street. He continued in business until his death in 1888, at the age of sixty-two years. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Schlabach, a daughter of Daniel and Annie (Moore) Schlabach, and they became the parents of twelve children, six of whom are still living, namely: C. Louise, the wife of S. H. Ruch; Jennings U., the subject of this sketch; Daniel Morris, who has charge of the reading notices of the New York World; Annie S., a teacher in the public schools of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Kittie E., the wife of Arthur Lewis of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; and S. Burton, an accomplished artist of New York City. Levi Kurtz was originally a Democrat in his political affiliations, but from 1856 until his demise was a Republican. In religious attachments he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whilst socially he was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. Mrs. Kurtz, who was born in 1830, died in August, 1898, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and was brought to Berwick and interred in the

family plot in Pine Grove Cemetery in that town.

Jennings U. Kurtz attended the public schools until he reached the age of fourteen years, when he entered his father's business, and continued in his employ until twenty-three years of age, when he was taken in as a partner, the firm becoming L. Kurtz & Son, which has been the firm name up to the present time. They established a reputation for good reliable work and erected many handsome monuments throughout the county. They acquired an extensive patronage and the prestige, which the firm enjoyed prior to the death of the senior Mr. Kurtz, is still in evidence as our subject does work for the leading men in this section of the state. He has always labored for the best interests of the borough and by his connection with many worthy enterprises may be classed among its first citizens. He has been a member of the school board and was a trustee on building at the time the beautiful addition to the Market Street School was erected. He was also on the building committee for the erection of the present opera house. He served with credit as school director for six years, three years of which he was president of that body. He was associated in building the block on Market street now owned by C. C. Evans, Esq. In 1889 he purchased of C. A. Becker what was known as the Pottery, which was one of the first industries of the place. This property, located at Pine and Second streets, he rebuilt for his business and there he has a large spacious salesroom, office and yard, necessary for his business. He is a man of excellent qualities and is respected and highly esteemed by all with whom he is acquainted.

Mr. Kurtz was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Fanny M. Sult, a daughter of Daniel Sult, who was a patternmaker by trade,

and they are the proud parents of five children: Pearl Elizabeth; Ruth Sult; Claude Morris; Nellie May; and Katherine. Politically he is a staunch Republican. In March, 1897, he was appointed associate judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Mordecai Millard, and was re-elected in 1897. Socially he is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M.; Berwick Castle, No. 249, K. of G. E., of which he is past chief; Washington Camp, No. 105, of which he is a past president; and W. T. Sherman Commandery, No. 23, P. O. S. of A., in which he has held many of the offices.

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**F**RANK R. KITCHEN. Prominent among the business men of the town of Berwick who have contributed largely toward the growth and prosperity of that town, is the subject of this sketch, who is justice of the peace and secretary of the council of the borough. He was born in Berwick and is a son of Oliver H. and Evangeline (Johnson) Kitchen, grandson of Amos and Margaret (Campbell) Kitchen, and a great-grandson of Enoch and Jerusha (Moore) Kitchen.

Enoch Kitchen's father was a native of England and of Quaker descent; he was the first of the Kitchen family to immigrate to America. Enoch Kitchen, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a chairmaker by trade and followed that occupation nearly all his life. In those days furniture was made principally by felling trees and making it up into chairs and other furniture by hand. Later in life Mr. Kitchen moved to Montour County, Pa., and located six miles from the town of Danville, where he remained the remainder of his active days, dying at the age of eighty years. He was united in wedlock to Jerusha

Moore and four children were reared by them: Andrew; Uriah; Amos; and Jerusha.

Amos Kitchen, grandfather of our subject, during his early days learned the trade of a tailor and conducted a tailoring establishment in the town of Danville, Pa. In 1823 he moved to Berwick, Columbia County, and for many years conducted a tailor-shop where Heller's saloon is now located. He married Margaret Campbell, a daughter of Alexander Campbell, and the following children blessed their home, namely: Matilda; Oliver H.; Pemberton; Edwin; Permelia; John; Clinton; William; Ely, who died young; and Ely. Mr. Kitchen passed from this earth aged forty-two years; his wife died at the age of eighty-three years.

Oliver H. Kitchen, the father of our subject, when but a mere lad learned the trade of tailor from his father and when his father passed from this life he succeeded him in the business; his workmanship was of first-class order and he established a regular trade and was the leading tailor of Berwick. His establishment was located in the Seesholtz property on Market street, and in 1892 the building was burned down, and with his son, our subject, immediately rebuilt the present fine block. In 1868 he built a fine residence; later he built another residence on the rear end of the lot, facing the other street, and in 1898 our subject built another on the same lot. Mr. Kitchen has been in the tailoring business for fifty years and is now passing the sunset of life in retirement. He is truly a self-made man, having accumulated what he has of this world's goods through his own energy and good judgment, and is one of Berwick's recognized business men of push and tact. He has assisted in building up the county and community, and has watched with interest its progress. It has been an inter-

esting review in which he may justly feel pride in having been a sharer. Mr. Kitchen has served thirty-eight years as overseer of the poor of Columbia County. He takes great interest in the old cemetery, and he formed a company and raised funds to put it in good shape, and built a fence around it. He was assisted by Leroy Thompson and E. A. Wilson, and the three gentlemen had charge of the cemetery until 1892. It always has been one of the best kept cemeteries in Columbia County, and is such at the present time. Mr. Kitchen formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary Conyus and two children are the result of this happy union, as follows: Margaret, the devoted wife of E. Clinger, a resident of Berwick; and Annie, who married M. L. Thornton, and resides in Huntington, West Va. Mr. Thornton is general agent for the Ensign Car Works of Huntington. Mr. Kitchen's second union was with Angeline Johnson, daughter of Barter Johnson, of Briarcreek township, and by this union two children blessed their home: Frank R., the subject of this sketch; and Jennie E., who resides at home.

Frank R. Kitchen, the only son of his parents, was born in the town of Berwick, Pa., November 10, 1857, and received his intellectual training in the public schools and high school of Berwick; upon his graduation from the latter institution he clerked in a general merchandise store at Espy, Pa., for two years. Our subject then learned the trade of a molder which he followed until 1892, when he was appointed justice of the peace, the duties of which position he is honestly and faithfully discharging. He has also served as secretary of the town council. Mr. Kitchen is the manager of the P. O. S. of A. opera-house, a position he has held since the erec-

tion of that building. He has won the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens and is recognized as one of the solid citizens of Berwick. He possesses force of character, is decided in his opinions and fearless in the expression of that which he believes to be right. He is now attending to the care of his beloved parents.

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**R**OBERT D. LANCASTER, a highly esteemed resident of Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., was for many years a prosperous merchant there, but since 1894 he has been living in practical retirement. He is a son of Richard and Fanny (McIlwain) Lancaster, and was born in South Sterling, Wayne County, Pa., December 13, 1825.

His grandfather was William Lancaster, a native of England, who immigrated to this country and located in Philadelphia, where he remained until 1821. In that year he moved to South Sterling, Wayne County, Pa., and there followed his trade as a carpenter until his death at the age of seventy-six years. He was joined in marriage bonds to Margaret Dunlevy, who also came of a well-known English family, and they reared three children: Richard, the father of our subject; Americus; and Clara.

Richard Lancaster was born in England and was nine years of age when he came to America with his parents. At an early age he and his brother Americus learned the jeweler's trade and did job work for Mr. Duboys, a well-known jeweler of Philadelphia. In 1833 Richard turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and became one of the most prominent citizens in Wayne County. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and was well thought of by his fellowmen. In



1840 he was elected sheriff of Wayne County and subsequently was chosen to represent his district in the State Legislature. He was also justice of the peace for many years and held many minor offices. He was united in marriage with Fanny McIlwain and the following children were born unto them: Richard; William; George; John; Franklin; Hugh A.; Robert D., the gentleman whose name heads these lines; Christopher C.; Margaret; and Jane. Mr. Lancaster passed away at the age of sixty-eight years and his wife at the age of sixty-five years.

Robert D. Lancaster attended the public schools and the Wayne Institute, receiving a good intellectual training, and then taught school for one year. He next went to Bethany, Wayne County, and accepted a clerkship with E. W. Hamlin, Esq., with whom he remained for four years. He then purchased the store of his employer and successfully conducted it for four years, when he removed to Salt Rapids, Minn., as a land surveyor for the government, remaining there about three years. Upon returning East he engaged in the mercantile business in connection with his brother, William, at New Albany, Pa., and also in the lumber business at Cape Mills, from 1862 to 1867. In 1867 he moved to Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., and purchased the store opposite what is now the Forksville House, and conducted it for two years alone. At the expiration of that time he took in G. A. McIlwain and they conducted the store for three years. His partner then retired and the store was conducted until 1875 by our subject. At that time he disposed of his store and went to Bethany, Wayne County, for one year. Upon returning to Forksville at the expiration of that time, he again took charge of his old store and engaged in general merchandising until

he retired from business in 1894. He has since assisted his son, Brenton S., who conducts a drug store in Forksville, and is also engaged in business in Towanda, Bradford County. He resides in a handsome home in Forksville and is surrounded by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Lancaster was united in marriage with Serenda Mathers, who died in 1890 at the age of thirty-eight years, and they reared the following children: Hammond D.; Brenton S.; and Gertrude A. Our subject is a Democrat and has served as school director, county auditor and justice of the peace. In religious attachments he is an attendant of the Episcopal Church, but his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN B. ZIMMERMAN comes from a family which has long been noted for natural mechanical talents. At an early age he entered his father's shop to learn the blacksmith's trade. His father was a skilled blacksmith, as also was his grandfather.

As our subject grew older he became a skilled workman and displayed unusual aptness in his chosen trade. He erected a large and commodious shop in Shamokin, where he manufactures wagons, carriages, and all kinds of vehicles. Being sensible, upright and shrewd in his business affairs, he has built up a trade reaching over a wide expanse of territory. New plans which promise any real advance in his business are readily added to his present system, thus affording him facilities for carrying on an enterprise second to none of its kind in Shamokin. Mr. Zimmerman employs a force of ten or twelve men to assist him in furnishing his trade with celerity and promptness, and his present prospects point to a still greater expansion of the business.



In the spring of 1899 our subject changed the location of his plant from the corner of Independence and Market streets, where he had carried on his business since 1868, to West Sixth street, in the vicinity of the high bridge.

Our subject is a son of Jeremiah and Harriet (Bright) Zimmerman, and was born in Sunbury, Northumberland County, May 22, 1851, receiving his education in the public schools of Shamokin. His paternal grandfather, George H. Zimmerman, was a native of Berks County, but subsequently located in Sunbury, Northumberland County, where he was a prominent blacksmith. He rendered valuable service to his country during the War of 1812. His maternal grandfather, Jacob Bright, was a jeweler by trade; he, too, fought bravely during the War of 1812, and afterward died at Sunbury.

Jeremiah Zimmerman, father of our subject, was a man of such unusual prominence that a brief sketch of his life deserves mention here. He was born in Berks County, Pa., in January, 1820, and was brought to this county with his parents at the early age of seven years. His advantages for securing an education were of the poorest and he received but three months' schooling. In his father's shop he learned the blacksmith's trade, which business he followed in Sunbury for many years, discontinuing it after being elected justice of the peace, which position he retained for several years. Later he moved to the borough of Northumberland and was collector for the Pennsylvania Canal, at which time the management was under the control of the state. He served in this capacity three years, after which he engaged in business as a coal operator, being a member of the firm of Zimmerman & Purcell. This business was carried on very successfully for a few years,

but the company met with reverses and finally failed in 1856. While in the coal business Mr. Zimmerman was elected a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature and served two terms; he was also president of a Shamokin Banking Institute. After going out of the coal business he was engaged by various firms as bookkeeper, also as superintendent for various coal operators, and in 1864 he located permanently in Shamokin. He was a Democrat of the most ardent type and was active and untiring in the interests of his party. He served as burgess for the town of Shamokin for three terms, rounding out his closing years as an efficient public servant whose record offers a splendid example of what may be accomplished in the voyage through life without educational advantages in youth. He died in 1893. He had been a Mason for over fifty years. Nine children blessed the union of Jeremiah Zimmerman and his excellent wife, two of whom died in infancy, and the following grew to manhood and womanhood: Ella Lucy, now deceased; Harriet, wife of Paul Roth of Shamokin; John B., subject of this sketch; George, a painter by trade, in the employ of our subject, and lives in Shamokin; Rosa, wife of Samuel Haas, also of Shamokin; Milton, an attorney of note, residing in Danville; and William Cameron, who is a painter and resides in Philadelphia.

On April 5, 1874, our subject was united in marriage with Jane Newberry of Northumberland borough, and six children were born to bless their home: Ida May; Edward B., now his father's able assistant as bookkeeper; Harriet M.; John; Clara; and Grover Cleveland. Mr. Zimmerman, like his father, is a strong believer in the principles of Democracy, but has not sought political honors. He was persuaded to serve as assistant burgess of Shamokin, which position he filled

with credit and distinction. He is a pleasant gentleman and is a valued member of his community.

**F**REDERICK GROSS, a successful and prosperous general merchant of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, is a man who began life on a farm, but worked his way up until now he is one of Mount Carmel's leading business men, while at the same time retaining his fondness for and interest in farming. He was born in Union County, this state, January 9, 1846, and is a son of Charles and Annie (Forsyth) Gross. The great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany, and when he came to this country settled in one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania, finally locating in Union County, where he died.

The father of our subject was born in Lycoming County, Pa., and when a young man he removed to Union County, where he followed his trade as a shoemaker and also engaged in farming. He died in the spring of 1864, at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Gross' mother was a native of Union County. She died in 1891, at the age of nearly eighty-five years. The family of Charles and Annie Gross consisted of ten children, as follows: Jackson, who resides in Union County, this state; Margaret, who died young; Martha, who is a resident of Fulton County, Ill.; Charles, Catharine and Mary, who reside in Union County, Charles occupying the old family homestead; two, who died in infancy; Frederick, the subject of our sketch; and Samuel, who resides in New Berlin, Union County, Pa.

Our subject, Frederick Gross, was reared on the homestead of his parents in Union County and obtained a common school edu-

cation. He remained on the farm until he was eighteen years of age, when, having an ambition to be something more than a farmer, he set out on his own account. He learned the trade of harness-maker, at which he worked for some time. In 1865 he removed to Mount Carmel, where he secured an advantageous opening as a clerk in a general store. He remained in the store for several years, mastering every detail of the general-merchandise business, and finally engaged in business for himself. By his energy, careful attention to small details and his uniform courtesy he immediately placed himself on a popular basis with the purchasing community and was very successful from his start in business on his own account. He has since followed the mercantile business and now has one of the largest and principal stores in Mount Carmel. In addition to his store, Mr. Gross owns a farm in the Buffalo Valley, Union County, which contains 130 acres and to which he gives considerable attention.

In politics our subject always has been an ardent Republican and, although he never has cared for or sought office, he has been called upon to fill the offices of school director and councilman, in which he displayed the same ability which has made his business so successful and served to the entire satisfaction of his friends and constituents. Religiously Mr. Gross is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mount Carmel, of which he has been a member for twenty-five years and in which he was for several years an active leader and an ardent worker. Mr. Gross is a member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 630. I. O. O. F., which he joined in 1868, and for seventeen years he has been secretary of the lodge.

In October, 1863, Mr. Gross was united in marriage to Susan Heitm, daughter of John

Heim. To them have been born these children: Charles S., who resides in Mount Carmel, and who married Hattie Fisher, and is engaged in the mercantile business with his father; Calvin E., who also resides in Mount Carmel and married Della Klase, who died at the birth of her first child; Agnes, unmarried; Alice, who died at the age of eleven months; and Annie, who is the wife of Frank Christ of Mount Carmel.

**H**ON. HENRY M. HINCKLEY, one of Danville's most eminent and honored attorneys, and ex-judge of Montour County, was born in Harrisburg, Pa., June 2, 1850. He is a son of Joel and Theodosia (Graydon) Hinckley, grandson of Charles Hinckley, and great-grandson of Joel and Hopestill (Brewster) Hinckley.

Hopestill (Brewster) Hinckley, the great-grandmother of our subject, was born in Lebanon, Conn., May 27, 1760, and was a daughter of Ichabod Brewster. Ichabod Brewster was born in Saxony, Mass., in 1710, and his wife was Lydia Barstow; he was a son of William and Lydia (Partridge) Brewster, and a grandson of Truelove Brewster. Truelove Brewster was a son of Elder William Brewster, who was born in Wales in 1560; he, with his wife Mary, came to America on the Mayflower, in 1620, and he was the first minister in the New England States. Joel Hinckley, the great-grandfather of our subject, resided at Lebanon, Conn., all his life. His son Charles was born in Lebanon, Conn., April 26, 1786, and moved to Weathersfield, Vt., where he lived a number of years, then migrated to Harrisburg, Pa., where he followed his trade as a blacksmith the rest of his active days. He retired from active labors, moving to Danville, where he passed from this life

at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife was born in 1788 and died in 1836. They were the parents of the following children: Joel; Lucretia, who died in infancy; Julia Ann; Charles, who died in infancy; and Lucretia.

Joel Hinckley, the father of our subject, was born at Weathersfield, Vt., January 19, 1809, and moved to Danville, Pa., in 1860, for many years being connected with the well-known firm of Waterman & Beaver. His latter days were spent in retirement. He was united in marriage with Theodosia Graydon, who was born November 1, 1812, and who was the daughter of William and Eleanor Graydon. Eight children blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hinckley, namely: Ellen; William, and Andrew, who died in infancy; Julia, who died unmarried; Charles, deceased, who married a Miss Travis; Alice and Helen, who died in infancy; and Henry M., our subject. The father of our subject entered the world of rest at the age of eighty-four, and his wife died at the age of forty-three years.

Henry M. Hinckley received his primary education in the public schools of Harrisburg, Pa., and then entered Princeton College, from which he was graduated in 1874. In addition to his regular course he studied law and upon his graduation he returned to Danville and became a student of law with Isaac X. Grier. He was admitted to the bar of Montour County in 1875 and to the Supreme Court in 1878; he immediately began practicing his chosen profession with I. X. Grier, and continued with him until the latter retired from business to pass the sunset of life in quietude and peace. Hon. Henry M. Hinckley has a fine suite of rooms at No. 350 Mill street, and also has one of the best private libraries in Eastern Pennsylvania. He is one of the foremost attorneys of Montour







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County and has established a large practice; he possesses a large fund of knowledge, is fluent in speech and a pleasant talker. Our subject was appointed judge of the Montour courts in 1888 by Gov. James A. Beaver, which evidenced his popularity in the community. He is president of the Danville Y. M. C. A.

Hon. Henry M. Hinckley was united in marriage with Minnie S. Gearhart, a daughter of Maybury Gearhart of Roaring Creek, and they have reared the following children: Sarah G.; John M., a student at Lafayette College; Eleanor; Edna, who attends Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pa.; and Elizabeth S. He is a member and elder of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church and is superintendent of the Sabbath School. Our subject has a handsome residence at Riverside surrounded by a beautiful lawn. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

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**W**ILSON U. JURY, whose work as an architect is unexcelled in Columbia County, has an established reputation and is one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of Bloomsburg. He is a son of Benjamin W. and Susan (Wirt) Jury, and was born in Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pa., August 1, 1866.

Benjamin W. Jury, the father of our subject, was also born in Millersburg, but has resided in Bloomsburg since 1891. He is well and favorably known throughout the county as a contractor and builder, and many of the principal buildings of the vicinity were erected by him. Among his first contracts was the erection of the Bloomsburg Silk Mills, which are the largest in Central Pennsylvania, and he fulfilled his contract to the letter, thereby winning not only the confidence of his em-

ployers but others who were in nowise financially concerned. He also built the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, one of the most beautiful edifices in this section of the state. It is constructed of gray stone and with its irregular and deeply-indented sides presents a very attractive appearance, which is in keeping with the handsomely finished interior. He received contracts for many of the principal residences in Bloomsburg, and their beautiful appearance bespeaks the excellence of his work. The following are among the most important: the homes of W. H. Slate, E. C. Wells, R. R. Little, Rev. Donahue, Paul E. Wirt on Fifth street, J. H. Maize, Mr. Frymire, and twenty houses which were built for Joseph Ratti. He purchased the former home of L. N. Moyer, which he enlarged, remodeled and fitted up with all modern conveniences, and in which he has since resided. He is now living in practical retirement and enjoying the fruits of his early industry, but he is still a large stockholder in many of the leading manufactories of Bloomsburg.

Benjamin W. Jury twice took marriage vows, his first wife being Susan Wirt, a native of Dauphin County, and they became the parents of nine children: Wilson U., the gentleman whose name appears at the head of these lines; Alda, who married F. E. Enery; Howard, a carpenter of Bloomsburg; Israel, a hatter of Philadelphia; Aaron, a carpenter of Scranton, Pa.; Dora and Ira, students; and Abner. His second union was with Mrs. Katie (Crist) McHenry, and they reared one son.—Benjamin.

Wilson U. Jury received his mental training in the public schools of Millersburg and Williamsport, Pa., and when a very small boy began working with his father during vacations and spare moments, thus acquiring a

good knowledge of building. He was a natural mechanic and draughtsman and went to Philadelphia, where for three years he served an apprenticeship to an architect, after which he engaged as an architect in Norristown for four years. In July, 1892, he moved to Bloomsburg and was decidedly successful from the start. Most of the residences erected by his father and many others were built from plans prepared by him, and he is firmly established in the confidence and good-will of the citizens of Bloomsburg. As an architect he has no superior, and his work gives general satisfaction. He is not only efficient in draughting but can aptly follow a descriptive idea and draught it on block as a means of illustration. He performed the architectural work for a number of public structures, among them the First National Bank of Bloomsburg; Catawissa High School; Nescopeck High School; and the residences of C. B. Lutz, Dr. J. W. Bruner, Prof. F. H. Jenkins, and J. G. Harman. He has a large and well-equipped office in the First National Bank building on the corner of Main and Market streets, and owns and lives in a handsome residence on Jefferson street. Although he is a young man just entering the prime of life, Mr. Jury's success has been little short of phenomenal, and he has hosts of friends who wish him continued prosperity and happiness.

Mr. Jury was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Ida Shupe, a woman of many virtues, who is a daughter of John K. Shupe of Millersburg. This happy union has been blessed by the birth of one daughter, Olive A., who was born in Norristown, Pa., April 30, 1889. Socially Mr. Jury is a member of Van Camp Lodge, No. 140, I. O. O. F. His portrait is presented on a previous page in proximity to this.

JOHN McELIECE settled in Shamokin, Coal township, in 1885, and was welcomed as a valuable acquisition to the borough. He is a man of great personal magnetism and his influence and energy is felt in all public gatherings, where he is regarded as an enterprising gentleman, well qualified to fill any position with honor and credit to himself and his employers. Thus we introduce to our readers the able and efficient superintendent of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company and also of the Shamokin Arc Light Company of Shamokin.

John McEliece was born in Dauphin County, Pa., September 16, 1842, and is a son of George and Mary (Woodside) McEliece, and a grandson of John McEliece of Ireland. His maternal grandfather, Jonathan Woodside, was born at the old homestead in Dauphin County, where he led the active life of the early pioneers and was a very successful and progressive farmer, besides being of great value to his country. He served throughout the War of 1812, and was a participant in the last great battle at New Orleans, where many lives were needlessly sacrificed. Just fifteen days after the making of the treaty at Ghent, December 24, 1814, and before the news had reached this country that a treaty of peace had been concluded, Gens. Packenham and Gibbs made a desperate attack on New Orleans, on January 8, 1815. But we had a Jackson at New Orleans, as previously we had a Washington at Yorktown, and later had a Scott at Mexico, a Grant at Richmond and a Dewey at Manila. With this signal victory at New Orleans, Jackson's name goes on the pages of history as one of the American heroes and "fighting" generals.

George McEliece, father of our subject, was born in Ireland, February 22, 1819, and immigrated to this country when nineteen years



old, locating in Lykens Valley at the time the Lykens Valley R. R. was being constructed. Later in life he removed to Shamokin, where he soon became a citizen of much prominence. He endorsed the principles of Democracy and took a very active interest in politics. He was elected treasurer of Northumberland County, which fact is sufficient proof of the esteem in which he was held by the people of his county. He served as county treasurer for two years, 1869 and 1870, faithfully discharging the duties incumbent on him. Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M., honors him as one of its charter members. He was united in marriage with Mary Woodside, who bore him seven children, who were named as follows: Elizabeth; John, our subject; Mary, who became the wife of Anthony J. Gallagher of Wilkesbarre, Pa., both now deceased; Annie, wife of James J. Rigney, of Shamokin; Jane, who is the wife of John O'Keefe, a large ranch owner at Seattle, Washington; Isabella, widow of Bryan Jennings, deceased; and Maggie, who died unmarried.

John McEliece, the subject of this sketch, received a practical education in the public schools of Shamokin and was among the first to enlist in the Union Army. In 1861, when but eighteen years old, he enlisted in Company K, 46th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served in the Army of the Potomac and in the Army of the West a little over two years. He participated in the battle of Winchester, fought May 26, 1862, in which the Union Army was victorious; he was twice wounded in the battle of Cedar Mountain, Va., where an engagement took place August 9, 1862, which resulted in heavy Union losses, our subject being one of 400 taken prisoners by the Rebels. He was placed in a Confederate hospital at Staunton, Va., for about one month, after which he was taken to Libby Prison. He was

confined there and at Belle Island for about two months, when he was enabled to rejoin his regiment. He enlisted as a private, but received his discharge as a sergeant.

Returning from the war, Mr. McEliece engaged as brakeman on the Shamokin division of the Northern Central R. R. He received rapid promotion, first to fireman, then to engineer, all before the end of his first year of service. At the end of one and a half years' service on this road he resigned his position and accepted the very important and lucrative one, that of superintendent of Locust Gap Colliery, which position he retained for many years. Aside from the duties of superintendent, which he performed with regularity and exactness, he looked after many other interests, and was justice of the peace for fifteen years.

There seemed to be a charm about military life that won favor with Mr. McEliece. He organized a military company in July, 1869, which was known as the "Washington Rifles" and was commissioned their captain, and served in that capacity for six years. This company was afterward merged into the State National Guard as Company A, 7th Regiment. His duties connected with the colliery compelled him to sever his connection with the company after he had completed its organization. He remained in Locust Gap until 1885, at which time he accepted his present important position in Shamokin.

Our subject sought and won Ann Ellen Lukens, a daughter of Michael Lukens of Philadelphia, and she became his bride in August, 1866. Their family numbers seven children, viz: George W., a machinist by trade, who enlisted in Light Battery F., of the 5th U. S. Artillery and served five years, seeing active service during the Cuban War,—on October 6, 1898, he was detached and is now



serving as clerk at the headquarters of Gen. Leonard Wood, whose war record needs no introduction to the people of the present day; Fred, a locomotive engineer; Leo, who is a member of Company K, 8th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and who also saw active service in the Cuban War; Lloyd, a fireman for the electric light company of Shamokin; Isabella; Lillian; and Maggie.

Mr. McEliece is a devout Roman Catholic and a liberal supporter of his church; he is also a valued member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R. His friends are unanimous in their opinion, that his success has come from steady purpose and constant industry, and no one covets the position of true worth and esteem which he has obtained.

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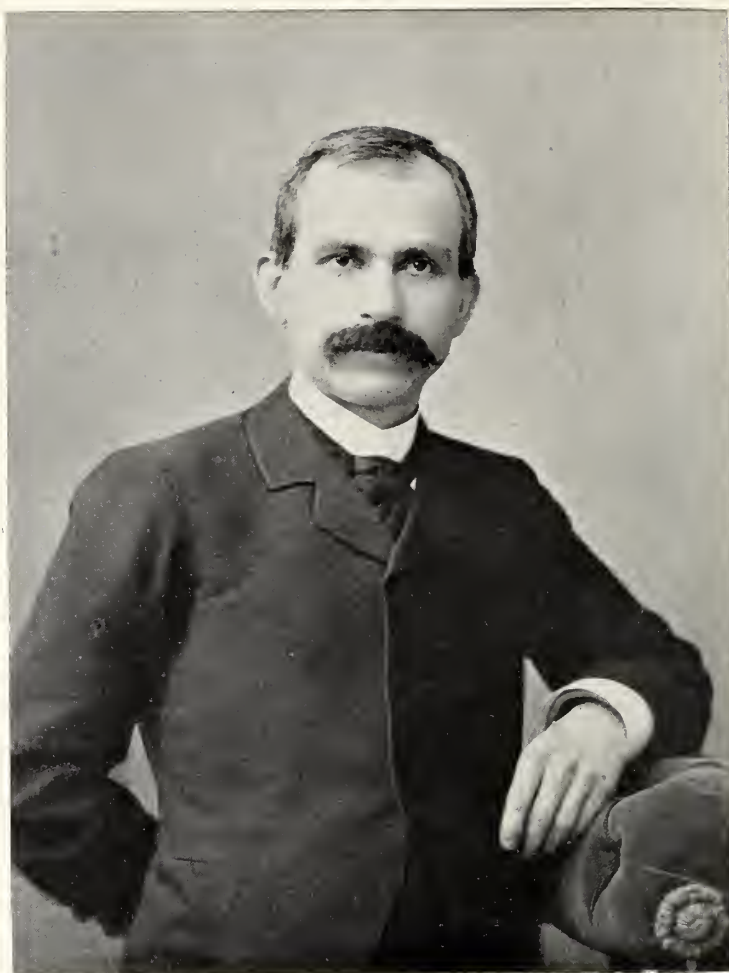
**J**OHAN K. HAAS. Prominent among the active citizens of Shamokin was John K. Haas, who recently died, a successful business man, who since 1895 had been proprietor of the Shamokin Marble & Granite Works. Mr. Haas was born in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland County, on the 66th anniversary of the independence of our country, July 4, 1842. He had exceptional educational advantages, received his primary education in the public schools, after which he attended the academies of Freeburg, Allentown, and Kutztown, also taking a course at Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa. After college life he followed teaching for eight or nine years, teaching in Lehigh, Schuylkill and Northumberland counties. In 1871 Mr. Haas engaged in mercantile business in Shamokin which he followed uninterruptedly for a period of twenty-four years. In 1895 he sold out his mercantile interests

and engaged in the marble and granite business. Our subject was a son of Nathan and Eliza (Knorr) Haas, and a grandson of George and Elizabeth (Miller) Haas.

George Haas was a native of Oley, Pa., but when a young married man removed to Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland County, where he followed the occupation of a farmer and was one of the very early settlers in that section. After many years of successful farming he died there and his remains lie in the old churchyard in that vicinity. He was a lifelong Democrat. He was an active member of the Reformed Church. Elizabeth Miller became his wife and among their family were the following: Nathan, father of our subject; Henry; George; Levi, who died young; Hettie; Elizabeth; Salome; Katherine; Lydia; and Caroline.

Nathan Haas, father of our subject, was born in Lehigh County and was brought to Northumberland County by his parents, at the tender age of three years. He received the ordinary education of a farmer's boy and was reared on his father's farm. When grown to manhood he very naturally became a farmer and followed that calling throughout his life, passing away in 1890. He possessed the same religious and political beliefs as his father. He was united in marriage with Eliza Knorr, a native of Schuylkill County, Pa., and their family consisted of twelve children: Catherine, now deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Paul; Lydia, also deceased, who was the wife of J. Daniel, and after his death became the wife of Nathan Stehle; Isaac, who died at the age of four years; John K., subject of this review; Henry K., a prosperous farmer of Schuylkill County, Pa.; Joel K., a progressive farmer of Northumberland County; Mary, wife of A. A. Smith of Shamokin; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Dunkelberg-





HON. ANDREW LUCIUS FRITZ.

er, a farmer of Schuylkill County; Daniel K., a successful hotel-keeper in Snyder County, Pa.; Amelia, wife of George Paul of Northumberland County; Nathan and Milton, both of whom died in early childhood.

On March 31, 1868, John K. Haas was united in marriage with Mary Seiler, a sister of E. G. Seiler of Shamokin, whose sketch also appears in this book. Five daughters were born to them: Rosa M., now the wife of A. R. Brubacher, who graduated at Myerstown, Andover and Yale colleges, and is now professor of Greek and Latin in the seminary of East Hampton, Mass.; Flora Ellen, now residing at West Philadelphia, the wife of H. C. Shultz, a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Company; Sadie E., bookkeeper for the Shamokin cracker factory; Anna, who resides in Philadelphia and is engaged in clerking in the great mercantile establishment of John Wanamaker; and Ruth Evelyne. Our subject and his family had long been members of the Reformed Church; he had served in the office of elder, deacon and treasurer for many years. He enlisted in the Civil War, August 8, 1862, being a member of Company C, 131st Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served until February, 1863.

Mr. Haas was a stanch Democrat and served his party as delegate to county conventions, as town councilman, and assessor for a number of years. Socially he was a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 125, I. O. O. F., and Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R.

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**F**ON. ANDREW LUCIUS FRITZ, of Bloomsburg, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, was born in Sugarloaf township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. His ancestors lived on

Chestnut street, Philadelphia, during the Revolutionary War. They took an active part in the scenes incident to that time. His great-grandfather, Philip Fritz, moved with his son, our subject's grandfather, to northern Columbia County, and purchased a large tract of land. Philip Fritz was the first school teacher and justice of the peace of that part of the county. According to history he was "a great scholar and a local public character of more than ordinary influence."

Our subject's father, Jesse Fritz, was a farmer and he purchased and lived upon the "old homestead," where he was a justice of the peace for a number of years. The subject of this sketch worked on the farm in the summer and went to school in winter, for a number of years, and began teaching school at the age of fifteen, following that profession for a period of six years. He went to several institutions of learning and acquired a thorough academic education. He has always been a laborious student. He studied law with ex-United States Senator C. R. Buckalew, and has been in active practice at Bloomsburg since his admission to the bar. He has a large practice in Columbia and adjoining counties, and has been called to try cases before the Supreme and Superior Courts of his state. When a student-at-law, he was appointed as deputy by three sheriffs in succession, and had charge of the sheriff's office of Columbia County in the absence of the sheriff until his practice compelled him to give up the position. He has been receiver of taxes, town auditor, solicitor of the Bloomsburg Poor District, and counsel for a number of municipalities, and he was secretary of the town council for a number of years until he resigned. Through these positions and by his kind and obliging disposition, he made many friends and became well-ac-



quainted with the people of his section of the state.

In 1884, Mr. Fritz was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, receiving the highest vote on the Democratic ticket. In 1886, he was renominated without opposition and was elected, running ahead of his ticket at the general election. In 1891, he was elected as a member to the proposed constitutional convention from the senatorial district composed of the counties of Columbia, Montour, Lycoming, and Sullivan. He was again elected a member of the House of Representatives to the session of 1893, and was renominated without opposition and re-elected in November, 1894, for a fourth term, which had never before been given to a person in this section of the state. During his last term, he served on the ways and means, appropriation, and judiciary general committees, an honor given to no other member of that session, that of serving on the three most important committees of the House. He was a member of the judiciary general committee during his four terms of office. In the session of 1895 he was the Democratic caucus nominee for speaker of the House. In 1896 and also in 1898, he received the nomination for Congress from Columbia County; but at the congressional conference, composed of four counties, he was defeated for the district nomination on the claim that his county was not then entitled to the nomination.

Mr. Fritz is a good speaker and he carried into public life the same indomitable will, and honesty and industry that has characterized him in private life. As a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, he has made a reputation that few have equaled. During the session of 1887, on a bill to "equalize taxation," Mr. Fritz made a lengthy speech, from

which we quote the following: "Mr. Speaker, the equalization of taxation between all classes of persons and all classes of property is a subject worthy of the consideration of this House. Session after session of the Legislature, petitions and memorials have been presented from all parts of the state, and perhaps more requests have been made by the people of this Commonwealth for a change in our system of taxation than for any other object. The farmers and real estate owners in my section of the state are almost unanimously in favor of some measure that will more equally divide the burdens of taxation. I therefore ask the indulgence of the House for a few minutes on this question. While it will be admitted that it is impossible to make an exact equalization of taxes upon persons and property, no one will deny that there should be a more equal division than our present tax laws give us.

"There is no subject before the Legislature that more directly and deeply interests the people than taxation. It cannot be denied that great inequalities exist. The burden of local taxation for county, school, poor and road purposes falls almost entirely upon real estate. Unequal taxation and other discriminations, have greatly depreciated the value of farm land and real estate in general in this Commonwealth. I have heard it said that if we do not exempt certain classes of personal property and certain industries from taxation that they would be driven out of the state—I might say out of existence. But there is another class of taxpayers that these burdens fall heavily upon—more heavily than any other in the state, I mean the farmers and real estate owners. According to the Constitution of the state "all taxes shall be uniform on the same class of subjects." The burdens of taxation should be equalized on

all classes of persons and all classes of property. The high and low, the rich and poor, should be taxed in proportion to the valuation of their property.

"The capital of the farmer and real estate owner is taxed four or five times as much as the capital of corporations. This is certainly an unwarrantable and unjust discrimination, oppressive to real estate, and contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and natural equity. It should seem, if any distinction were made, it would be in favor of that form of capital that is most productive—in favor of the hard working, laboring classes of this Commonwealth. But all that we ask is that there should be an equalization, as near as may be, of the burdens imposed on each form of property. The farm lands and real estate in general are suffering to-day from the onerous burdens of taxation, and the cry for its relief comes to us from a class in the community whose appeals should be carefully considered—the owners of homes and the tillers of the soil. The irregularity is too great against the majority of tax-payers of this Commonwealth—the farmers and laborers—and a change must come sooner or later.

"Those who have made the subject a study are almost unanimous in the opinion that corporate and personal property has not and does not bear a fair share of the burdens of taxation. It is therefore our duty as representatives of the people of this great Commonwealth, to give heed to the demand made by the great majority of citizens of this state—the largest class of property owners. They have been knocking at the doors of this Legislature, with petitions and memorials ever since the session opened, and they are still waiting to be heard on this question—hoping and expecting that some relief, at least, will be given them. Every unbiased student of our

financial policy will admit that there is an unfair division of our taxes at the present time. This inequality is apparent to all. Now, sir, knowing these facts, is it not our duty as legislators to place upon the statute books some law which will make a more equal division of these burdens?

"The farm and the workshops should bear their share of the public burden; so should the corporations, the bonds, the stocks and other moneyed capital and personal property of the state. The practical operation of our present law is that the corporations and personal property pay but a small portion of our taxes, which adds to the burdens on real estate, while the latter is taxed without regard to the actual interest of the owner in it. This presents a proper subject for action, and the suggestion that real and personal property should be placed upon an equal footing, for all purposes of taxation, is worthy of most serious consideration.

"Why, sir, Mr. Speaker, the farmers, the mechanics, the laborers, who own small homes, and all other classes who have the bulk of their money invested in real estate and who constitute more than four-fifths of the citizens of this Commonwealth, are asking us to pass some law in reference to making a more equal division of these burdens. It cannot be denied that money owners do not pay one-fourth as much in proportion to the amount of property or income as the owners of real estate, which, in the present as in the past, bears the heavy burdens of municipal taxation. The property of a corporation is no more sacred than a farm or the small home of a laborer. Both are property and are protected by the laws which surround them. Should not each bear its share of the burdens of the state and local taxation in proportion to their value and income? Shall

we throw aside and refuse to listen to the requests of three-fourths of the tax-payers of this state? It is our duty as representatives of the people, in passing laws, to treat all classes alike. The corporations, the farmer, the mechanic, the laborer, and all other classes of citizens should be put on an equal footing. Shall we throw the arms of protection around the corporations and the wealthy moneyed men, who constitute only a small portion of the citizens, and not heed to the wishes of all other classes? It is our duty to pass laws, not for one particular class of men, but in the interests of the whole people. Generally the corporations and other personal property make an annual net return of from five to twenty per cent. The farm and other real estate in Pennsylvania, after deducting insurance, taxes, improvements, repairs and hired labor incident to managing the same, does not yield a net return of more than two and one-half per cent, upon the amount invested.

"Now, Mr. Speaker, no one will deny that great inequalities exist and that some change should be made in our system of taxation, so that the burdens upon real estate will be somewhat removed. If the corporations and other personal property are paying at the present time one-fourth or one-fifth as much tax as the real estate, according to the valuation of each class of property, there should be no objections to the passage of a law that will make a more equal division. If the real estate is paying four or five dollars tax to every dollar paid by corporations and other personal property, and the valuation of the one class is about equal to the other, is it reasonable to object to a change in the system of taxation? Why, sir, some of our corporations are almost entirely free from taxation, while their net income is from two to ten times as great as the income derived

from real estate. Is it any wonder that real estate has been depreciating in value, and that the owners thereof are pressed down with the burdens of overtaxation and other discriminations? Where one class of property is compelled to not only bear its own burdens, but the burdens of all other classes, is it any wonder that there is a great depreciation in value?

"All classes of property should pay, as near as may be, its share of the taxes for all purposes of this Commonwealth; or, at least, our present system of taxation should be changed so that there will be, as near as possible, an equal division according to the income or value of the respective properties.

"I am not here to defend any particular class of property or persons, but I wish to treat all alike. When I see and know that there are unreasonable discriminations against certain classes, I feel it my duty to advocate some measure that will have a tendency toward removing the objectionable features from our present tax laws."

The following is an extract of a speech delivered by Mr. Fritz in the House of Representatives in 1895, on the "Superior Court" Bill:

"Mr. Speaker, this is one of the most important bills which has been before the Legislature for consideration during this session. Great changes are proposed in the judicial system of this state, which should be carefully considered by every member of this House before the final vote is taken. The future rights of this great Commonwealth are at stake. The rights of property are involved. In taking this matter into consideration various questions arise. Will this change be for the best interests of the people of this state? Has the Supreme Court become so overburdened with work that it de-



mands relief from the present Legislature? If relief is necessary, is this the best method to obtain it? Will the proposed court meet the requirements of the suitors for which it is intended? Will it not be cumbersome, dilatory, expensive and not satisfactory?

"This bill provides that a court of intermediate appeals shall be established, to be called the Superior Court, to be composed of judges learned in the law, whose terms of office shall be ten years. This court of appeals shall be a new Supreme Court. A Supreme Court for certain cases where the value of the real or personal property, or the amount of money in controversy, in any single action or claim is not greater than one-thousand dollars. If this bill should pass we would then have two Supreme Courts. Two courts whose decisions are intended to be final. The one for the poor suitors of this Commonwealth, which will be much less perfect and inferior to our present Supreme Court. Mr. Woodward, a judge of the Supreme Court of this state, in referring to this question said: 'I do not want to say to the poor man who has a five-hundred dollar law suit that he is not to have just as good a chance of litigation as the rich corporation and the rich millionaires among us. I do not want to include that in the law. It is ungracious. There is nothing in me that does not instinctively rebel against such suggestion.' The first question which we should ask ourselves is, are the people demanding a new court? Do they want it? Is it necessary that they should have it? Since this bill has been on the calendar I have been inquiring as to whether or not it is necessary, and whether it is the proper measure to relieve the Supreme Court, and I have found very few, not even among the judges themselves, who think it is necessary and who favor its passage. It would be expensive and would

not give the relief for which it was intended. It is a bill, which if it becomes a law will give a few men of this Commonwealth fat positions, which with the expenses of putting in operation the new court will take annually from the pockets of the people about one hundred thousand dollars. I have been informed that the present judges of the Supreme Court are not in favor of a law of this kind. Some of the greatest legal minds which this state has produced have been opposed to an intermediate court. They believed and advocated the principles of our present system, one of original jurisdiction, such as we have in every county in the state at the present time, and one of last resort whose decisions are final—known as the Supreme Court. Chief Justice Gibson, than whom there has been none more distinguished, declared that our system of courts in Pennsylvania are the best in the world, and that the principles which it contains can be used and carried forward for centuries as the most simple and easy method of establishing justice and protecting the rights of the people. Some of the greatest and best legal lights of the state are opposed to the provisions of this bill. A large number of able lawyers of this state are now candidates for a seat upon the bench of this superior court. They with their friends have created a strong sentiment among the legislators in favor of this bill. But the people of this state are not asking for it, and they are, as far as can be learned, very much opposed to it. This court would be expensive and useless and would not relieve the Supreme Court, for which it is intended. It would be injurious to the best interests of the people of this Commonwealth, and, as a distinguished jurist once said, would be a 'court of delay.' It would be against a prompt administration of justice. It has



been said that this intermediate court is necessary for the relief of the judges of the Supreme Court. This was the talk twenty years ago when the Constitution of this state was adopted,—when the able men of that convention decided against an intermediate court. It was spoken of fifty, seventy and one hundred years ago. It was tried under the name of a circuit court and failed. It was established in the early history of this state and abolished, and again was re-established and abolished. Other states look upon Pennsylvania as having a good judicial system. A system which stands entrenched in the public confidence. It has been handed down to us by our forefathers, as the best judicial system which has yet been devised by man. It has stood the test of a century. Shall we now begin to tear it to pieces and try some new method which will be unpopular with the people, dilatory, and very expensive? It has been the experience where systems similar to the one proposed by this bill prevails, that after the cases have been tried by a court of original jurisdiction and have gone to an intermediate court, that very few cases stop there. The parties interested are not satisfied until the court of last resort, or the Supreme Court, has pronounced the final decree. This new court is intended to be final for all cases of less value than one-thousand dollars, yet under its provisions any good lawyer could carry any case to the Supreme Court, no difference what the sum may be which is involved. Thus you will see that it is a bad law for the poor man who is determined that the Supreme Court should decide his case. He must first have the case decided by the intermediate court and after the long delay and expense he is compelled to carry it up to the Supreme Court. Is it right that we should pass a law which will discriminate

against the interests of the poor classes of people of this Commonwealth? All the classes should be on an equal footing. The small case should be properly decided and carefully considered as well as the large. The five hundred dollar case of the poor man may involve principles which if properly decided will do more good than the five thousand dollar case of the millionaire. It is not just and right that we should limit the cases by a money standard. The most important principles may be involved in the case in which the money value is small. Any amount the Legislature may fix in the bill is bad.

“Poverty has disadvantages enough without marking it in the laws of the state. Under the provisions of this bill a poor man with a small case would be unworthy to go to the Supreme Court. No difference how important the principles to be decided, the court of final resort is prevented from giving its opinion, because the money standard, as provided in this bill, declares it to be beneath its dignity and not worthy of a hearing. I believe, sir, that some small cases have as good right to go to the Supreme Court as a case involving fifty thousand or more. I do not believe it is just or right for the Legislature to pass a law which will discriminate between the rich and poor. The poor man’s case may be more precious and valuable to him than the five million dollar case may be to the millionaire.

“Every man who wants to take a case from the court of original jurisdiction to the highest judicial tribunal of the state should have the right, and if we pass a law to deprive him of this right we are taking away from him that personal privilege which the founders of this great government intended that all should enjoy. The high and low, the rich and poor, should all be treated alike.

"Although it is intended by the projectors of this new court that it shall be final, yet every case which may be taken from the lower courts to the intermediate court can be carried from the intermediate court to the Supreme Court, no difference how small the case or what amount may be involved. This can be brought around if so desired by the parties, by any lawyer who handles his case carefully. I am well satisfied that the people of this great Commonwealth do not want this new court. They are opposed to it. I believe that if a vote was taken to-day upon this question by the people of this state that nine-tenths would be found to be against it. One of the great objections to this law will be the delay which it will cause to suitors. A poor man may have everything he owns involved in a law suit. The case is tried in the common pleas and one of the parties is not satisfied with the decision and an appeal is taken to the intermediate court and it is there delayed a year, or perhaps two, and the case is decided, but the party who loses is determined to have his case tried by the highest judicial tribunal and it is carried up, and after the delay of a year or more a final opinion is given and the poor suitor, whether he gains or loses, has paid out by way of lawyer fees and expenses as much or more than is involved in the case. This bill also provides that when an appeal is taken to an intermediate court a bond must be given, conditioned to pay the costs of the appeal, not only to the intermediate court but to the Supreme Court. The suitor must prepare himself at once to go through two courts, above the court of original jurisdiction, doubling the expense and doubling the delay. This great expense and delay will generally have to be borne by a class of citizens of this Commonwealth who are the least able to bear the burden. It will

be a discrimination against the humble, law-abiding citizen, the laborer, the farmer, the mechanic and others who have small incomes and limited means, and who have been forced into court in order to secure certain rights to which they believe they are justly entitled.

"Under our present system any lawyer can draw up his precipe for a writ of error in the Supreme Court, and there is not much delay, unless one of the parties has taken and allowed the case to go into court for the purpose of delay. The only reason which has been given or which can be given in favor of this bill is that the Supreme Court is behind, and that it has a vast amount of work on hand. This has always been the case and always will be so long as cases are taken and held in court for the purpose of delay. Every lawyer of this House knows that a list of cases that is behind, whether in the Supreme Court or in the lower courts, has a tendency to increase its length. It is said that our judges of the courts of common pleas, as well as the judges of the Supreme Court, are overworked, but there is no evidence of this except that there is a long list of untried cases. What is the present cause of this long list and of this delay? Why, sir, I know it to be a fact that to-day there are thousands of cases in the lower courts in this state which are intentionally delayed by the parties. It is the same in the Supreme Court. Cases are taken into all courts for the purpose of delay. Either one party or the other has some excuse which, under the present rules of the court, entitle them to a continuance, and in this manner the cases are sometimes delayed for years. It is the fault of the parties and the attorneys which cause this great delay and long list of cases now before the Supreme Court, as well as the common pleas, and then we hear the cry of 'overburdened courts' and

'worn-out judges.' Let all of our courts adopt more strict rules, which will stop the intentional delay, and the lists will become small. The courts will then not be overburdened with business, because a large number of cases which now are taken into court for delay would be settled by the parties. Our courts would then not be overburdened and no one would think of establishing a new court."

**A** MAUSER & BRO. This well known firm of carriage-makers at McEwensville, Northumberland County, Pa., is the successor to the old-established business conducted by William Hood, whose reputation for handiwork was known throughout this state.

Nicholas Mauser, the paternal great-grandfather, was born, as nearly as can be ascertained, about the middle of the last century, and was a native of Germany; immigrating to this country in 1779, he settled in what is now known as Montour County, but was then known as Northumberland County. Nicholas Mauser settled the farm where Aaron Mauser now lives, clearing it from the forest, and building a log-house, which is still kept as a relic of past pioneer days. He served in the Revolutionary War, and when he died he was buried in the Ridgeville churchyard, Cooper township. He had one son, Christian; and two daughters, Mrs. Deaffenbaucher, and Mrs. Kocher.

The old records give Christian Mauser's birth as occurring March 8, 1779, and he died May 27, 1866. He married Catherine Sickler, who was born April 21, 1786, and died December 20, 1862. They lived on the old homestead, where Mr. Mauser followed farming.

Their children were as follows: Joseph, who married Lydia Frey; Betsey, the wife of John Krumm; Barbara, the wife of Michael Workman; John, who married Lydia Workman; Michael, who married Catherine Workman; Jacob, who married Catherine Krumm; William, who married Maria Frey; Maria, who married Michael Workman; Fanny, who married Thomas Cole; Molly, the wife of Edmund White; Catherine, the wife of Thomas Cole.

Our subject's father, Michael Mauser, was born October 15, 1817, and died October 15, 1854. He learned the carpenter's trade, but followed farming on part of the old homestead, until his life ended at the early age of thirty-seven years. His wife was a daughter of Henry and Annie (Krumm) Workman. Mr. Workman was born April 2, 1783, and died December 6, 1867. His wife was born December 11, 1785, and died November 16, 1859. Their children were: Gideon; Jacob; Joseph; Esther; Lydia; Reuben; Catherine; Eliza; Mary; and Henry.

Our subject's father was the parent of five children: Mary, who married Lewis Bayler; Alem and Cain, our subjects; Emanuel, who married Addie Wolf; Michael, who married Sarah E. Wesner. Mrs. Mauser was married a second time to Anthony Faust of Washingtonville, Pa., and they have one child, Peter, who married Annie Patterson, and they reside in Derry township.

Alem Mauser, our subject, and senior member of the firm, was born July 20, 1846, on the old homestead in Montour County. His early life was devoted to education and farming, and as his father died at an early age, our subject started at seventeen years as an apprentice in McEwensville, learning the wood-work of carriage building under the excellent instruction of William Hood and







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becoming very proficient. After a few years he took charge of the business, and in 1870 succeeded Mr. Hood, and with the exception of a few months spent in the West, he has carried on the business ever since. In 1875 he took in his brother, Cain, as partner, and the firm name has since been A. Mauser & Bro. Alem Mauser married Hannah M. Hood, a niece of William Hood, and they have been blessed with two children: Sarah H., the wife of P. Detrich, a teacher in the schools at Danville, Pa.; and Harry S., a student. Mr. Mauser is a stanch Democrat, and has been school director for the past twenty-four years. He is a member of the borough council; also a member of the Reformed Church.

When Mr. Hood first started the business in 1836, it occupied a small building, which now stands back of the present one; but as the business increased he built the store which the successors, A. Mauser & Bro., now occupy. He also built a large blacksmith-shop, having four forges and employing upwards of thirty men. He had orders from the East, South, and West, for fine carriages, and the present firm now makes top-buggies, Pittsburgh Rockaways, and some heavy work—spring wagons and busses; altogether, having an output of about one thousand five hundred vehicles a year.

Cain Mauser, the junior member of the firm, was born on the old homestead August 14, 1849, and attended the public schools and the Orangeville Academy. While a young man, he learned the harness-making trade in Bloomsburg, but wishing to see a little of the world, he accordingly set out, and spent several years in the West. Returning, he clerked in a general store for a short time, next learning to paint and trim carriages. In 1875 he became a member of the firm with his brother. He married Emma C. Wesner, a daughter of

Henry Wesner of McEwensville, Pa. Mr. Mauser is a member of the Lutheran Church and a member of the I. O. O. F.. He also has been a member of the school council for seventeen years.

This reliable firm has made a reputation which is known throughout the state, and too much cannot be said in praise of these brothers, for, in all of their dealings, honesty and uprightness stand out prominently, as their large patronage goes to prove.

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**W**ILLIAM KASE WEST, whose portrait we present on the preceding page, has won distinction in the legal profession and is one of the leading attorneys of Danville, Montour County, Pa. He was born in Danville March 8, 1860, and is a son of George Wileston West, and grandson of William West.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was Thomas West, who was of English-German descent and was born in Schoharie County, N. Y. He built a log house near his father's homestead and there engaged in tilling the soil for many years. Upon the outbreak of the Revolutionary War he left a happy home and family to battle for independence. He had the misfortune to be taken prisoner by the English forces, but after a short term of imprisonment effected his escape and organized a company, of which he was captain, and rendered valuable aid to the American cause. In 1808, or soon after, he and his children removed to Ararat, Susquehanna County, Pa., where he took up land and lived the remainder of his life. He died at the age of sixty years, and his wife attained the advanced age of eighty years. The following issue resulted from their union:

Thomas; Hannah; Jones; Benjamin; William; Nathaniel; Permelia; and Eunice.

William West, grandfather of our subject, was born near Schenectady, Schoharie County, N. Y., and learned the trade of a blacksmith. After moving to Susquehanna County with his parents he cleared a farm and engaged in farming. He later settled at Masonville Delaware County, N. Y., where he continued at his trade as blacksmith until his death at the age of seventy-five years. He married Eliza Rogers, a daughter of Hobert Rogers, who was for many years a sea captain, but, tiring of that life and wishing to establish an inland home, bought a farm in Delaware County, N. Y.; he became an agriculturist, but later built a large boat and with his family sailed down the river to Chesapeake Bay where he lived the remainder of his life. Mr. West and his wife became the parents of the following children: George Wileston and Hobert Rogers. Mrs. Eliza Rogers West died at the early age of twenty-seven years, and William West was united in marriage to Hannah Demenshaw, and they reared three children, Milo, Philo, and Jabez.

George Wileston West the father of our subject, began life on his own account at the age of thirteen years with a farmer of Mount Ararat, Pa., and by the practice of strict economy saved enough from his scanty wages to enable him to attend school at the age of nineteen years, entering Birch Academy. He remained there for one term after which he took a course in the Wyoming Academy, being one of the first students of that institution, and there studied surveying. He then taught school for six terms in what was then Columbia County, now Montour. In 1845 he was appointed county surveyor and each successive year since he has been elected to that office. He is considered as an authority

on lines and boundaries in this section of the state, his work not being confined to Montour County, as he is often called to different counties in Northern and Central Pennsylvania. He also served for twenty-four years as county commissioner's clerk. He is now past eighty years of age, walks straight as an arrow, and, being large of stature, is of commanding appearance. Mr. West is a prominent figure throughout his section and is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. He owns a fine modern home at No. 212 Pine street where he has resided for a number of years and enjoys the best of health. In 1854 he was united in matrimonial bonds with Catherine A. Kase a daughter of John Kase of Elysburg, Pa., and they reared eight children, namely: Charles W., a carpenter and painter of Danville; Eleanore Eliza, the wife of Oliver Diehl of Marionville, Pa.; William Kase, the subject of this review; George M., the manager of the gas and electric light plant of Danville; Louise M., who is at home with her parents; Isaac Dewitt, whose biographical sketch appears elsewhere in this book; and Catherine, who died in childhood.

William Kase West obtained his education in the public schools of Danville and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, after which he assisted his father in surveying for some time, devoting his spare moments to study and the completion of his education. He then engaged in surveying in the West for two years, and upon returning home read law with Grier & Hinckley, being admitted to the bar in 1886. He has since practiced in Danville, and has been successful, as the large number of cases won testify. He has a very large clientage and is very popular. Few men of his age hold so prominent a position in the public estimation, and from present indications it is safe to predict a brilliant fu-



ture for him and class him among the leading men of the county. From 1887 to 1892 he served as district attorney and proved that he was the right man in the right place.

In 1891 Mr. West was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Ella Patterson, a daughter of John C. Patterson of Danville, and they are the proud parents of three children, as follows: John Patterson, who was born March 16, 1892; Mary Louise, born October 12, 1893; and William K., whose birth occurred October 16, 1895. Our subject is a member and past master of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Danville Chapter, No. 239, H. R. A.; eminent commander Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T.; and an officer in Bloomsburg Lodge No. 436, B. P. O. E.

**D**R. ANSON A. LAY, a rising young dentist of Shamokin, with abundant promise of a brilliant future in his profession and also in the literary field, is a son of Smith W. and Martha (Earl) Lay, and was born near Seneca Falls, N. Y., in 1869.

The ancestors of our subject were of English origin and may easily be traced back over a hundred years, and have all been natives of New York State. Nathaniel Lay, great-grandfather of our subject, was united in marriage with a Miss Minta, who was a native of Denmark.

Both he and his son, David Lay, our subject's grandfather, rendered distinguished service in the Revolutionary War and fought bravely throughout that struggle.

Smith W. Lay, father of our subject, was a talented man and a machinist by trade. Our subject received his primary education in the common school of his native place, after which he graduated with honors at the Se-

neca Falls, N. Y., High School. He then began the study of medicine under a preceptor, which study he pursued diligently for about two years, after which he took a course of lectures at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. In 1890 he entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, and after completing his studies there he immediately began the practice of his profession, which he continued to follow with much success in the following cities: Waterloo, N. Y.; Baltimore, Md.; Wilkesbarre, Pa.; and Cleveland, Ohio; after which, in 1895, he located at Shamokin, where he has splendid facilities and a large field for dental work.

He at once proceeded to build up and extend his practice, and during the short time he has been located in Shamokin he has developed a practice second to none in the town.

Aside from the dental parlors in Shamokin, of which he is sole proprietor, Dr. Lay is interested in offices at Reading, Pa., Wilkesbarre, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, and Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Lay was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Inez Haley, a most charming and accomplished lady, and is the father of one son, Victor. Our subject is well versed in all the intricacies and details of the art of dentistry and enjoys the confidence and good will of a very desirable class of patrons. He is a thorough gentleman, with pleasant, agreeable manners, and bids fair to become a very prominent citizen of Shamokin.

**G**EORGE W. SEIBERT enjoys the distinction of being a skilled mechanic, but is now, practically, a retired farmer of Delaware township, Northumberland County, Pa. He was born at Milton.



Pa., April 14, 1828, and is the son of John and Maggie (Truckermiller) Seibert.

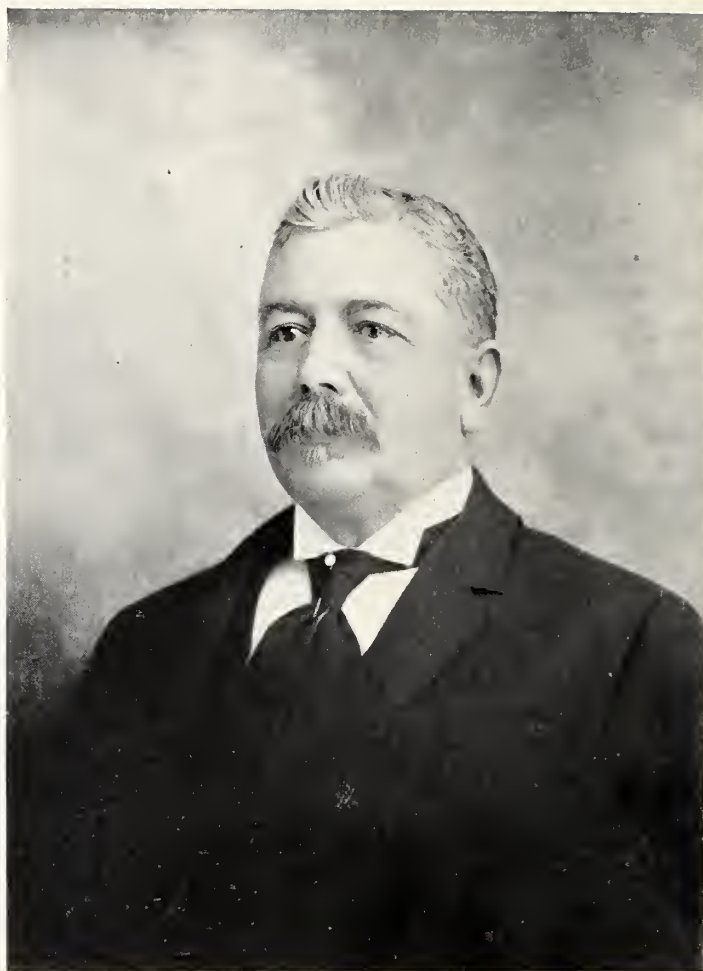
Our subject boasts of being the descendant of good, old Pennsylvania Germans, who were noted for their industrious qualities and upright dealings with all men. His grandfather settled at Buffalo Valley, where he lived the quiet, unostentatious life of a farmer. Both he and his good wife lived to old age, he being eighty years old at the time of his death. They reared a most remarkable family of children, of whom seven lived to be over sixty years of age; four over ninety, and three nearly reached the century mark; below are their respective names and ages: Andrew, ninety-one years; John, our subject's father, sixty-six years; Joseph, who was ushered into life with the present century, was born January 1, 1800, and remained single all of his ninety-six years; Rebecca, also single, sixty-one years; Catherine (Rothroth), who died at the age of ninety-six; Sarah, who married Mr. Hammer and lived to the extreme old age of ninety-nine; and lastly, Susan, whose husband's name was Rothroth, and who died at seventy-seven. Our subject has many good reasons why he should be extremely proud of having such a record of long life among his ancestry.

John Seibert, our subject's father, was born in Montgomery County, Pa., and early in life settled at Milton, where he assisted in building many of the mills in that vicinity, being a millwright by trade. He had the reputation of being the most skilled man to dress millstones in that part of the state. So proficient was he that his services were sought far and near. Working at his trade so unceasingly, and inhaling so much dust, settled a throat trouble on him which in time became a serious affliction and increased with age, finally causing his death at the age of sixty-six years.

He was a strong believer in the Lutheran Church. In his political opinions he was a supporter of the Whig party. From Milton he removed to Delaware township to the farm where J. Lusher now resides. He cleared about fifty acres of the land and built the substantial house and barns now there. His wife was Maggie, daughter of Solomon Truckermiller. She died at the age of seventy-six years, leaving eleven children, all grown, to mourn her demise, namely: Jacob, John, David, Joseph, George W., our subject, Charles, Polly, Julia, Sarah, and Matilda.

George W. Seibert obtained his education in the public schools, after which he learned the mechanic's trade, which was almost a natural gift to him. He spent several years working at his trade as a journeyman, attaining a reputation for thorough and excellent work. Having been saving and prudent, he had a considerable sum of money with which he purchased a home; this was one hundred acres of land which contained, at that time, only a log building. He then set about to improve this farm in every possible way and make a home worthy of the name. He built a large brick house, planning and constructing it himself. Many pet schemes of his were unfolded and used advantageously to himself in making his home attractive and convenient. He also built large and commodious barns. His whole farm is now in a state of high cultivation and is one of the choicest grain farms in Delaware township, located near McEwensville. He was united in marriage to Amelia A., daughter of Jacob Stitzel, and four children were born to them. The eldest of these were twins; Charles, a prominent farmer of Limestoneville, and Jacob, who died, aged fourteen years; their third child, Hannah, wedded Arthur Gauger of Delaware township; while George W., the fourth child,





JOHN L. WILLIAMS.

married Carrie Kriner and now has charge of the home farm.

Mr. Seibert is a worthy citizen, such as all good men love to honor. He has always taken an active interest in educational affairs having served in the capacity of school director for eight years and has been overseer of the poor for many years. In his political affiliations Mr. Seibert is always found in the Democratic camp, ever loyal to the principles espoused by Jefferson and Jackson. Both he and his estimable wife are good Christian workers, Mrs. Seibert being a strong believer in the Reformed Church, and Mr. Seibert a member of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN L. WILLIAMS, who is well known among mine operators as a thoroughly equipped and very successful superintendent of coal mining, is one of Mount Carmel's most progressive and prominent citizens. He is a son of Thomas L. and Sarah (Lloyd) Williams, and was born May 4, 1840, in the County of Denbigh, North Wales.

Our subject naturally took to mining, as his father was a miner. The father, Thomas Williams, was born in Wales about 1820, and immigrated to this country in 1871. He had followed mining since the early age of something over eight years. He located in Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, where he followed mining in all its branches until about 1895. He had had experience in Wales as an assistant foreman and in this region he served several years as fire-boss. To him and his wife were born three sons: John L.; Thomas L., who was an outside-foreman for the Reading Company at the Maple Hill Colliery, where he died in 1896; and Daniel, who resides in Mount Carmel and is assistant out-

side-foreman of the Richards Colliery, and has followed mining all his life.

John L. Williams attended the common schools in and near his birthplace until, at the age of thirteen years, he entered the employ of the Great Western Railway, for which he worked four and a half years. Then, at the age of seventeen years, he took a position as a fireman with a coal company, with the intention of becoming a mechanic and engineer. He remained in the company's employ about ten years, working as a fireman, engineer, inspector of pumps and in various other positions, obtaining a complete knowledge of mining and mining machinery, which served him well in his subsequent career in the mining region of this state. Mr. Williams came to the United States in December, 1869, locating at Shenandoah, a stranger, with willingness to work and thorough knowledge of mines and machinery as his only capital. At that time work in the mines was suspended and positions were scarce. Our subject obtained employment, however, sinking the Indian Ridge shaft at Shenandoah and putting in all the pumps. When the mine was opened and operations began he was made assistant inside-foreman, which position he held for three years, when he was promoted to foreman, the mine having been absorbed by the Reading Company, remaining foreman until 1880. In that year Mr. Williams was appointed superintendent of the Shenandoah district, comprising six collieries, serving as such for three years, when he was again promoted and made superintendent of all the collieries owned by the Reading Company north of Broad Mountain and from Trevorton to Mahanoy City. He visited the collieries and carefully inspected them and the manner in which they were worked, making reports which were declared complete in essential de-



tails and very satisfactory. At the end of a year the district was divided into two divisions, the Shamokin and the Shenandoah, and our subject was appointed superintendent of the latter division, extending from Girardville to Mahanoy City and including 24 collieries. He remained superintendent of that division until 1892, when he resigned from the service of the Reading Company and, removing to Mount Carmel, became superintendent for the Union Coal Company on May 1, 1892, and is now with that company. He has the supervision of four collieries, the Hickory Ridge, Hickory Swamp of Shamokin, Pa., and the Pennsylvania and Richards at Mount Carmel. These collieries give employment to 4,000 men and boys, and their supervision is a task which only a well-equipped and unusually capable man, such as Mr. Williams, could successfully undertake. Our subject has been very successful and is regarded as an expert in coal mining. He has won success by his ability and because he possesses in great degree the perseverance which makes men successful.

In July, 1866, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Sarah E. Edwards, and to them have been born the following children: Thomas H., who for some time was an assistant to his father and is unusually capable as a business man, and has served as president of the council in Mount Carmel; John, a miner, who resides in Mount Carmel; Jennie, wife of Thomas Sanger of Mount Carmel, a draughtsman for the Mount Carmel Iron Company and a graduate of Girard College, Philadelphia; Harry L., a mechanic by occupation; and Edwin S., also a mechanic, who began at the bottom by serving a full apprenticeship. In politics Mr. Williams is a Republican. We take pleasure in announcing that his portrait is shown on a preceding page.

**H**ARRY S. KNIGHT, who has been very successful in the practice of the legal profession in the town of Sunbury since May 1, 1894, is a son of Fred H. and Annie (Schoc) Knight, and was born in Watsontown, Northumberland County, March 6, 1868.

The family is of Welsh descent, and, upon coming to America during the colonial period, located on Long Island. Albert Knight, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born on Long Island and was a soldier in the colonial wars. His son, Richard Knight, our subject's grandfather, was also born there and when eleven years of age enlisted in the army during the Revolutionary War as drummer-boy, serving in that capacity throughout the struggle for liberty. He then moved to Harrisburg, Pa., when that now thriving city was but a small village, and engaged in merchandising until the War of 1812. He then organized a company and was mustered into service as captain and served faithfully until the close of the war. He then removed to Liverpool, Perry County, where he operated packet boats on the Susquehanna Canal until his death, which occurred in 1848, aged sixty-eight years. Religiously he was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was the father of five children, two sons and three daughters, one of whom was Fred H., the father of our subject.

Fred H. Knight was born in Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., November 22, 1838, and obtained his education in the public schools and in Millersburg State Normal School of which he is a graduate. Upon leaving school he taught for a short period, but in 1861 enlisted in Company G, 147th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., as a private and served through the entire war, acquitting himself with credit. From time to time he was promoted and was fin-

ally ranked as major. He was attached to Sherman's Army during the memorable March to the Sea and also participated in the following important engagements: Look-out Mountain; Chancellorsville; Chattanooga; Vicksburg; Siege of Atlanta; and was taken prisoner and incarcerated on Belle Isle for a short time. After the close of the war, he located at Selinsgrove and in 1866 moved to Watontown, where he has since resided and carried on a general merchandise store with good results. He is superintendent of the Watontown Water Works, of which he is the chief stockholder. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran Church, whilst in political views he is a stanch Republican and has held the office of chief burgess a number of times. Socially he is a member of Bryson Post, No. 225, G. A. R., of Watontown. December 13, 1866, he was united in marriage to Annie Schoc, and they became the parents of one son, Harry S.

Harry S. Knight is a gentleman of scholarly attainments, being a graduate of Watontown High School in 1884; he also took a three years' course in Wyoming Seminary and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1888. He then engaged in newspaper work on the Wilkesbarre Record until the fall of 1889, when he took up the study of law under the direction of H. C. McCormick, who is at present an attorney of Williamsport, and was admitted to the bar of Lycoming County in the fall of 1891. He shortly afterwards formed a partnership with N. N. Edwards, Esq., and under the firm name, Edwards & Knight, practiced for one year, when on account of poor health and failing eyesight he was obliged to give up active work. Having recovered sufficiently at the expiration of two years, on May 1, 1894, he moved to Sunbury where he was admitted to the bar and im-

mediately began practice. He has secured a large clientage and has pleaded cases in the State and United States courts with much success. He organized the board of trade soon after his arrival in Sunbury, and has been secretary of the board ever since. He is the leading spirit of the organization and has secured for the city many large enterprises, chief of which are the silk mills and knitting mill. On May 1, 1897, he took Milton Loeb into partnership, the firm now being Knight & Loeb.

June 16, 1896, Mr. Knight was joined in wedlock to Mary B. Martin of Williamsport, and they are the happy parents of one son, Frederick H. Politically he is a Republican and takes an active interest in all affairs of a political nature. In religious attachments he is a member of the Episcopal Church and an active worker in the Sunday school. Socially he is a member of the James Cameron Camp, No. 60, S. of V., and Pa. Div. S. of R.

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**I**SAAK KINNEY KRICKBAUM LAUBACH, who has been engaged extensively in farming and lumbering for many years, is one of the progressive business men of Benton township, Columbia County. He is a son of Peter and Susan Catherine (Krickbaum) Laubach, and was born in Benton township October 28, 1849.

He is a descendant of sturdy Hollanders, whose home was the native country of John G. Laubach, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, who immigrated to Philadelphia, Pa., as early as 1736 and lived there the remainder of his life. He was the progenitor of the following children: Susan; John Michael; John; John Christian; Ann Mary; John Conrad, who died in infancy; John Conrad,

second of that name; Anna Margaret; Catherine; John George; Wilberg; and Elizabeth. John Christian Laubach, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born June 30, 1764, in the city of Philadelphia, and was the first to locate in Columbia County, settling there in 1790. Three years later he moved to Sugarloaf township, took up a tract of four hundred acres of land on what is now known as Fritz Hill and followed farming until his death, on March 15, 1825. He was united in marriage to Mary Frutchy, who was born February 3, 1773, and was called to her final rest July 8, 1823. They reared a large family of children, namely: Susan, who married John Moore, was the mother of eight children, and withstood the vicissitudes of fortune for ninety-one years before succumbing to the inevitable; George, who married Elizabeth Coleman, a daughter of Benjamin Coleman, was one of the early settlers of Sugarloaf township, but during his later years resided in Michigan; Frederick, who took as his wife Mary Larish, by whom he had eight children; Peter, who died in childhood; Hannah, who became the wife of Thomas Conner of Bloomsburg and had three sons and two daughters; Elizabeth, who was the wife of William Cole and bore him nine children; Anna Margaret, who married William Ikeler and died in Fishing Creek township; Polly, wife of John Ikeler, moved to Michigan; Catherine, who married John R. Davis, was the mother of nine children and resided in Benton township, Columbia County; Christian, who was united in marriage with Hannah Hefley and lived in Danville, Montour County; and John, the grandfather of our subject.

John Laubach followed the calling of a farmer all of his life in Sugarloaf township, and was a very prosperous man. In connection with farming he carried on a distillery.

He was joined in wedlock to Ann Kline, a daughter of Abraham Kline, Jr., and their union resulted in the following issue: Abraham, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who died in the state of Washington; Rhoda Ann, who married J. H. Harrison and died January 29, 1884, in Union township, Luzerne County; Isaac, who married Sarah Ash, a daughter of Christian Ash, was a soldier of the Civil War, serving for three years,—at the expiration of that time he enlisted for three more years, but the war came to a termination shortly after,—At present he is conducting a farm and dairy in Southeastern Iowa; Peter, our subject's father; George, who married Charlotte McHenry, a daughter of Henry McHenry, Jr., and served for one year in the 199th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., receiving an honorable discharge; Christian, united in marriage to Sally Ann Pennington, a daughter of Jonathan C. Pennington; John Frutchy, whose wife was Susan Tailor, died October 24, 1863; Daniel S., who married Elizabeth Young and now resides in Bloomsburg; David Kline, who married Mary Pennington, served in the 199th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf.; and Frederick, who married Lucy Harrison, a daughter of Rev. M. E. Harrison, enlisted in the army during the Civil War for three years' service and again for a similar period, but received his discharge before his time expired,—his death occurred October 29, 1881.

Peter Laubach was born April 15, 1825, in Sugarloaf township, on the old Laubach homestead. At the age of eight years he went with his parents to Benton township, where he lived on the old John Laubach property. After attaining his majority he conducted a store in Benton for about nine months, and in 1847 he purchased 100 acres of land in that township. He improved it greatly and culti-



vated it with good results for many years, buying more land from time to time until he had 440 acres in all. He was a good citizen and one of the leading farmers in the northern section of Columbia County. Politically he was a supporter of the Republican party, whilst in his religious belief he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was trustee and elder, and was one of the building committee for the erection of the present church edifice. Socially he was a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Laubach lived a long and useful life and was called Home May 28, 1890. As a result of his union with Susan Catherine Krickbaum, the following children were born: Isaac Kinney Krickbaum, the subject of this biographical record; John C., who died in childhood; Rhoda Ann, wife of Henry C. Learn of Berwick, and Margaret Ann, wife of Frank P. Dildine of Benton, twins; Sarah E. Brown and Freace Brown, also twins,—the former died in infancy and the latter is married to Alvin W. Dresher of Benton township; Winfield Scott, who is farming on the old homestead, and married Elizabeth C. Roberts, a daughter of Samuel Roberts; and Susan Matilda, who died in 1866.

Isaac Kinney Krickbaum Laubach was reared on the farm and obtained his intellectual training in the public schools of his native town and in the New Columbia Academy and the Bloomsburg State Normal School. After receiving a good English education he left school and turned his attention to lumbering and farming, which vocations he has followed since. He is one of the leading and progressive business men of his section of the county and stands high in the estimation of the public. He is a man of high principles, honest and straightforward, and numbers his friends by the score.

July 3, 1875, he married Annie Gibbons, a daughter of the late Thomas Gibbons, a farmer of Benton township, and their union resulted in the following offspring: Laura L., the wife of P. E. Tubbs, a mason and plasterer of Benton township; Susan, who died in infancy; Peter Clyde; Sadie E.; and Letha M. Mrs. Laubach was called to her eternal rest May 27, 1897, aged forty-eight years and six days. Politically Mr. Laubach is a Republican. He was jury commissioner from 1895 to 1898, also school director for a number of years. Socially he is past grand and an active member of Benton Lodge, I. O. O. F.; member of the Patrons of Husbandry; and secretary of the Grange, which office he has held for a number of years. Religiously our subject is allied with the Presbyterian Church of Raven Creek, Pa., in which he is trustee and elder, offices he has faithfully filled for several years.

JOHN F. SCHAFFER, an attorney-at-law of the town of Sunbury, Northumberland County, where he enjoys a large and lucrative patronage, is a son of John F. and Sarah A. (Houghton) Schaffer, and was born in Sunbury, September 20, 1867.

The family originally came from Switzerland, John Schaffer, the great-grandfather of our subject, being a native of that country. He was a soldier in the Napoleon wars and after receiving a serious wound in the chest he left the army and came to this country, locating in the city of Reading, where he lived until his death. He was the father of John Schaffer, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in Reading and early in life learned the trade of a tailor, which trade he thereafter followed. He took an active part in the political affairs of his day and was a member of



the Democratic party, spending time and money in aiding his friends to office. He was a member of the Reformed Church, in which he was an active worker and was Sunday School superintendent. He was twice before the matrimonial altar, his first wife being Louise Winckler, by whom he had four children, including John F., the father of our subject.

John F. Schaffer was born in Reading, August 3, 1834, where he grew to manhood and learned the trade of a tailor with his father. In 1855 he went to Lewisburg, Pa., where he engaged in merchant tailoring until 1864, when he returned to Reading and in the following spring removed to Sunbury, where he remained until his death, on August 3, 1878. He engaged in his trade at Sunbury with good results. He was also an artist of more than ordinary ability. He was united in marriage to Sarah A. Houghton and they became the parents of one son and one daughter.

John F. Schaffer, the subject of this biographical sketch, was reared in Sunbury and obtained his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1884. He then was a clerk in the office of the register and recorder and clerk of the Orphans' Court in Sunbury. In 1887 he went West, spending three years in California, Colorado, and Arizona, during the time of the great boom. He was employed in an abstract and title company's office at Los Angeles, and later by Fred Harvey, the proprietor of a chain of eating houses from Kansas City to San Bernardino, Cal. Prior to his departure for the West our subject passed the preliminary examination and upon his return to Sunbury in 1890 he read law under the direction of Hon. John B. Packer, a distinguished lawyer of that place, and upon the latter's death in 1891, he continued to study under George B.

Reymonsnyder of Sunbury. He was admitted to the bar in December, 1894, and has since been successfully engaged in practice. From 1891 to 1894 he served as deputy prothonotary in a satisfactory manner.

Politically Mr. Schaffer is a member of the Democratic party, but has never aspired to office, taking only the interest of a dutiful citizen in politics. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM HENRY SMALL, one of the enterprising farmers of Laporte township, Sullivan County, Pa., was born at Clifford Corners, Susquehanna County, this state, the date of his birth being August 8, 1835. He is a son of Bradner S. and Harriet (Hunter) Small, and a grandson of Matthew Small.

Matthew Small was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., and died at Havana, N. Y., at an advanced age. His wife died aged eighty years. Little is now known of Matthew Small, but that he was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and saw active service on Staten Island, N. Y. He was the father of Bradner S., our subject's father; Jane; Sarah Ann; Hannah; Lydia Ann; and Elias. In politics our subject's grandfather was an active Democrat; in religious belief he was inclined to be liberal.

Bradner S. Small was born in Orange County, N. Y., where he grew to maturity; he learned the trade of a miller and wood-carver and, practically, followed these lines of business all his life. He passed from this world at the age of sixty years. In politics he firmly upheld the principles advocated by the Democratic party. He was the father of the following children: Asmeth, now deceased; our sub-

ject; John Thomas, deceased; Esther, who married Henry White and resides in Virginia; Mary married Elmer Shewmann, and they reside in Corning, N. Y.; Julia, who resides in Ithaca, N. Y.; Sarah Eliza, who married Byron Rogers, now deceased, and lives in Elmira, N. Y.

William Henry Small was but seven years of age when his parents became residents of Ithaca, N. Y., and there he received his mental training and grew to manhood. Leaving home he went to Benton, Luzerne County, Pa., where he apprenticed himself to the blacksmith's trade for three years. From Benton he went to Laporte, his present adopted town, and there carried on his trade until 1861, the beginning of the most disastrous and bloody war of modern times. In response to a call issued by President Lincoln for troops to put down the Rebellion, our subject immediately enlisted in the 11th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., for a term of three months. He took part in the skirmishes at Haines Run, near Williamsport, Md., and later his regiment camped within four miles of Martinsburg; there our subject was ill a short time before his term expired and was sent to the hospital at Hagerstown, from which place he was honorably discharged. He then went to Harrisburg, Pa., where he was again taken sick, and upon his recovery he returned to Laporte, where he took up his former trade. In 1864 he moved upon the farm owned by the father of his wife, and upon Mr. Clark's death she fell heir to her present fine mountain-top or tableland farm of eighty-eight acres. Mr. Small has since purchased twenty acres of timberland adjoining the estate, and on the Clark part of the farm has since been erected a fine two-story, modern farm-house and a commodious barn. He is a hard-working, careful

farmer and his home and surroundings show that he is prosperous and progressive.

Mr. Small was united in marriage in 1863 with Florence Clark, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Van Fleet) Clark of Laporte, Pa., and they are the proud parents of six children, namely: Hattie, deceased; Andrew married Millie Fritz and at present resides at home; Emmet, deceased; Edward, Frank, and Merlin, all single. Politically Mr. Small is a Republican. In his religious views he is liberal.



WILLIAM H. RHAWN, one of Columbia County's most prominent attorneys-at-law, was born in Catawissa, October 11, 1856, and is a son of Casper and Catherine (Kruck) Rhawn.

The grandfather of our subject was Henry Rhawn, a native of Montgomery County, where he resided most of his life. He was the father of a family of children, one of whom was Casper, the father of our subject.

Casper Rhawn was born at Halifax, Pa., in 1814, where he obtained his intellectual training and learned the trade of a tailor. In 1835 he removed to Catawissa, Pa., where he followed his trade until his death in 1882. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Catherine Kruck, a daughter of Jacob Kruck, a native and resident of Berks County. Mrs. Rhawn, who was born in 1818, survives her husband and is enjoying good health for one of her age. Their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Susan (Koslenbauder); George B.; Stephen; Catherine (Haas); Jacob; William H.; and Jessie. Mr. Rhawn was a firm supporter of the Democratic party and always took an active interest in local affairs, serving as postmaster of Catawissa for many years.

William H. Rhawn, a record of whose life is here given, received his education in the public schools of Catawissa and in Dickinson Seminary, after which he took up the study of law under the preceptorship of W. H. Abbott of Catawissa. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1879, and has since lived in Catawissa, where he maintains his office, but his largest practice is at the Columbia County Bar. He is an active and energetic business man and his great success can only be attributed to his own superior natural abilities and professional qualifications. He is a strong worker and when he enters upon a case it is with the firm determination of doing justice to his client and to himself. He is attorney for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, the Catawissa Fiber Company, Ltd., and for the Catawissa First National Bank, of which he is a stockholder.

In his political views Mr. Rhawn affiliates with the Democratic party and has frequently been spoken of as a senatorial candidate owing to his well-known executive ability and his popularity.

DR. MARTIN ELIAS PLUMSTEAD, a successful practitioner of medicine of Hillsgrove, Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County, is a man of good education and has had much practical experience in the performance of his professional duties. He is a son of John and Lydia (Crayton) Plumstead, and was born in Bradford County, Pa., May 31, 1873.

John Plumstead, the father of our subject, was born in Elmira, N. Y., where he resided until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the 161st Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., of Elmira. He was injured on a boat on the Hudson River while in the discharge of his

duty, and upon his discharge from the regiment he returned to his home. There he lived for some time and then moved to Franklin, Bradford County, Pa., where he worked at the carpenter's trade. He finally moved to Sayre, Bradford County, in 1885, and is now a resident of that place, being employed in the locomotive works. He was united in marriage with Lydia Crayton of Bradford County, and they are the parents of five children, as follows: William K., a mason by trade and a resident of Sayre, Pa., who married Florence Northrup; Minnie, the wife of Frank L. Garrison, a car-inspector living at Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Lewis, a laborer residing in Sayre, Pa.; Martin Elias, the subject of this sketch; and Norman, a youth of thirteen years, living at Sayre, Pa.

Dr. Martin E. Plumstead received his education in the common schools of Sayre, Pa., after which he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley R. R., working as fireman for a period of two and one-half years on the main line. He then resigned that position and began the study of medicine in the Medical Department of the University of Cleveland, at Cleveland, Ohio. He attended school there for one year, after which he took a two years' course in the Chicago Homeopathic School. As his means were limited, it was with great difficulty that our subject was able to attend school; it required labors outside of school work, but he was equal to the demand, paying his tuition by aiding the janitor in his duties. He was graduated and received a certificate to practice on March 23, 1897, immediately thereafter locating at Sayre, Pa. He received his certificate to practice in Pennsylvania on June 24, 1897, and practiced in Sayre until August, 1898, when he moved to Hillsgrove, Sullivan County, where he has acquired a good practice. He has met with







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pleasing success since his residence in Hillsgrove and as a result contemplates conducting a first-class drug-store there in the near future. He has identified himself with all of the interests of the township and has made many friends in that vicinity.

On June 5, 1898, Dr. Plumstead was married to Hattie Brougham of Sayre; she was born in January, 1873, and is a daughter of Spencer and Lottie (Mills) Brougham. Her father is a machinist by trade. The doctor was on the board of health at Sayre, and was also examiner of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company there. Socially he is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. In politics he is a member of the Republican party. Religiously he is a faithful member of the Baptist Church; his wife is a member of the Episcopal Church.

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**G**EORGE W. RYON, attorney of Shamokin, Pa., a portrait of whom is shown on the opposite page, is widely known as one of the most thoroughly progressive citizens of the Keystone State. Combining rare business ability and tact with a thorough knowledge of law, he has been foremost in advancing the material interests of the town in which he resides and practices his profession. Mr. Ryon was born in Elkland, Tioga County, Pa., April 30, 1839, and is the oldest son of George L. and Hannah (Hammond) Ryon, the latter a descendant of a Connecticut family which early settled in this state. The principal material for this sketch is taken from "The Prominent and Progressive Pennsylvanians of the 19th Century," published by the Record Publishing Co., of Philadelphia, Pa.

Our subject's great-grandfathers on both ancestral lines were soldiers in the Continental

Army and served throughout the Revolution, one attaining the rank of colonel and commissary-of-subistence in the division commanded by Gen. Anthony Wayne. John Ryon, Jr., grandfather of our subject and a son of one of the Continental warriors, resided in the Wyoming Valley until about eighteen years of age. He then settled in Elkland where he quickly took a high place in public affairs. He represented the Tioga-Bradford district as state senator for eleven years, being elected as a staunch Democrat. He also was for fifteen years associate judge in Tioga County, which position he filled with dignity and honor. While a member of the senate he introduced a resolution favoring the election of Andrew Jackson to the presidency, which resolution was passed by both houses of the State Legislature. Seventy years ago Mr. Ryon was superintendent of the Pennsylvania Canal, and carved in stone in the western end of the Shamokin dam opposite Sunbury his name as such under the date, 1829.

When our subject was ten years old his parents removed from Elkland to Lawrenceville, in the same county. George W. grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving his education in the Lawrenceville Academy, the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y., and at a commercial college in Rochester, N. Y. After graduating from the Rochester college he was employed for a year as a civil engineer on the Kenosha, Rockford & Rock Island Railroad, having his headquarters at Rockford, Ill. In 1859 Mr. Ryon went to Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pa., where he began the study of law in the office of his uncle, Judge James Ryon. Two years later he passed a very creditable examination and was admitted to the practice of his profession at Pottsville, Pa. He soon afterwards

took up his practice in Lawrenceville, subsequently seeking wider opportunities for his talent, and in 1869 removing to Shamokin, Pa., where he rapidly built up a good practice and where his greatest successes as a lawyer have been made. Always among those most prominent in working to advance the prosperity and development of Shamokin, Mr. Ryon's efforts have been fully appreciated by his fellow-citizens and he has frequently been tendered public office. He was one of the principal organizers and an incorporator of the Shamokin Banking Company and was its first president at the age of thirty-one years, and he yet holds the office. He also was one of the incorporators of the Shamokin Gas Light Company; a promoter of the Shamokin Manufacturing Company, of which he is a director; a stockholder in the Shamokin Water Company; a trustee of the Shamokin Silk Mill, a new industry with a large mill now nearing completion; and is a stockholder in the Shamokin Silk Throwing Company, which was incorporated in December, 1898. For several terms our subject was borough solicitor, and his services were of inestimable value to the borough. In or out of public office Mr. Ryon has been energetic and tireless in his endeavor to promote those things which have been for the public benefit.

In politics, as were his ancestors, our subject is an unswerving Democrat. In 1876 he was a delegate to the national convention in St. Louis which nominated Tilden and Hendricks as the national candidates of the Democratic party. He also was a delegate to the state conventions which placed in nomination for governor Heister Clymer and Judge Pershing. In 1881 his party testified to its appreciation of Mr. Ryon's services in its councils and in its behalf gave fitting recognition to his eminence as a lawyer by nom-

inating him as its candidate for president judge of Northumberland County. His popularity with the people of his county was demonstrated strikingly, for, although defeated, his defeat was almost as flattering as would have been a victory. Twelve thousand votes were polled and Mr. Ryon was beaten by only 219 votes. In October, 1891, Gov. Pattison appointed Mr. Ryon a member of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities of Pennsylvania and in November, 1896, he was reappointed by Gov. Hastings for another term of five years. He has served with energy and painstaking zeal, which have won him the admiration of his fellow members on the board.

For many years Mr. Ryon has been a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin, and during the major part of his service as trustee he has also been chairman of the board, and yet occupies the important office. He was a member of the committee which supervised the construction of the handsome edifice now occupied by the church society, contributing much of his time and means toward making the building what was desired.

Our subject was married on April 29, 1869, to Phoebe Huntzinger, daughter of the late William Huntzinger of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, Pa. To them have been born three children,—William H., Lewis H., and Bessie.

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THOMAS E. KENNEDY, one of the prominent and genial hotel-keepers of Laporte, Pa., who is the owner and proprietor of the well-known Commercial Hotel and who is one of the popular and highly esteemed citizens of that community, was born June 13, 1871, and is a son of Jeremiah and Bridget



(Luby) Kennedy, and grandson of Edward Kennedy.

Our subject's father is of Irish extraction, and was born and reared in Turbal, County Roscommon, Ireland, and was founder of the prominent and prosperous family in this country. While a young man he departed from his native land and sailed for the United States, locating in Schoharie County, N. Y., where he engaged in the tanning business. He was foreman of tanneries at the following places: Camden, Forrest Port, Moose River, Port Leyden, N. Y.; Ledgedale, Pa.; Cadusia Valley, N. Y.; Thorndale, Pa.; and Laporte, Pa. He pursued his vocation in the latter place until 1889, when he purchased of Dr. Fleshet the building used by him for a drug-store and dwelling. This Mr. Kennedy enlarged and remodeled into a hotel which he conducted until September, 1894. This hotel is now managed by our subject. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Bridget Luby, a native of St. Charles, County Roscommon, Ireland, her father having come to the United States when she was a young girl, locating at Staten Island, N. Y. To this happy marriage the following family of children was born: Edward, a tanner residing at Buffalo, N. Y., was wedded to Maria Brown, who bore him a family of five children,—Raymond Ambrose, Robert, John, and Doratha; James, deceased, married Kate McKenzie, lived in Chicago, and they had the following children,—Francis T., deceased, James, Leo, and Clara; Mary, the wife of Dr. E. S. C. Foster, and two children have been born to them, Jeremiah and Walter; William A., a well-to-do tanner of Sullivan County, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this biographical record; Jerry, a tanner of Titusville, Pa., who married Lizzie Scanlon, and they have reared two children, Regenia and

James Francis; Maggie, who was united in marriage with George Nortz and the following children were reared by them,—Eulena May Raphael, Adah Philamenia Gabriel, Raymond Severinus Alloysius, Mary Frances. Vincent William, Emmitte George, Norbert Anselm, Hillary Hyacinth, and Winnifred Margaret; John P., who is a barber and is the father of two children,—J. Howard and E. James; Thomas E., the subject of this personal history; Annie, who remains at home; and Kate, the wife of John E. Gallagher of Muncy Valley, and the mother of five children,—James, Thomas, Maggie, Agnes, and John Anthony.

Thomas E. Kennedy acquired a liberal education in the public schools of Laporte, Pa., and he started out in life as a clerk for James McFarlane of that town; his services were of such an order that he remained with Mr. McFarlane for nearly seven years, and only left his employ at the request of his father who wished him to assist in conducting the hotel. However, he did not remain in his father's hotel long, as he was offered a much better position as head-clerk and overseer of the company store at Jamison City, Pa., and remained in that capacity a period of five years. At the time the company was purchased by the Union Tanning Company our subject became bookkeeper and remained with his new employers fifteen months. He then returned to Laporte, where he remained a short time and then accepted a position with Trexler & Turrell, lumber dealers of Ricketts, Wyoming County, as manager of the company store; he remained in their employ until 1897 when he returned to Laporte and succeeded Mr. T. W. Beahen in the hotel formerly conducted by his father. The Commercial Hotel is very pleasantly situated, is first-class in every particular, contains fifteen



large and elegantly furnished rooms, and our subject has established quite a reputation as a host.

Mr. Kennedy chose for his companion in life Martha Coleman, a daughter of William Coleman of Benton, Pa., and they are the happy parents of four children, namely: Charles, deceased; Alice; Samuel A.; and Pauline Elizabeth. Politically our subject is a firm supporter of the principles of the Democratic party and has held several minor offices; religiously he and his family are prominent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN W. FLYNN, who has been engaged in the tanning business more or less all of his life, is at present superintendent of the Union Tanning Company of Laporte, Pa., one of the largest industries of its kind in Sullivan County, and he has proven himself well worthy of a position of so great responsibility. He is of Irish extraction, was born in Sullivan County, N. Y., March 22, 1856, and is a son of Michael and Mary Agnes (Nolan) Flynn, and a grandson of Roger Flynn.

Roger Flynn was the founder of this well-known family in this country. He was born in Leansborough, County Roscommon, Ireland, immigrated to the United States about 1848, and settled in Sullivan County, N. Y., where he followed the pursuits of an agriculturist the remainder of his active days. He was the father of the following children: Bridget; James; Michael; Catherine; Mary Ann; and Jane.

Michael Flynn, the father of our subject, was also born in Ireland, and was a young man when his parents came to America. He engaged in the tanning business during his early manhood and a few years later pur-

chased a farm in Sullivan County, N. Y., carrying on general farming until his death at the age of eighty-four years. He was united in the bonds of wedlock with Mary Agnes Nolan, a native of Ireland, who died at the age of sixty years, leaving the following children: Joseph, who most of the time has been engaged in the tanning business, and married Adelia Clark; John W., our subject; Busie; Michael, who also is connected with the Union Tanning Company; Thomas, a farmer on the old homestead; and Edward J., a woodsman.

Our subject acquired a liberal education in the common schools of his native township, attending school during the winter months and working in a tannery during his spare time. In 1882 he and his brothers, Joseph and Michael, went to Thorndale, Pa., and took contracts for finishing leather for the Laporte Tanning Company. In the year following, John went to Laporte for the same company and two years later was advanced to bookkeeper, remaining in that capacity for one year, when he entered Warner's Business College at Elmira, N. Y., graduating from that institution on January 16, 1888. He then accepted a position as bookkeeper for Boak, Woddrop & Co., of Hughesville, Pa., where he remained until the following fall. He then bought an interest in the Muncy Manufacturing Company at Muncy, Pa., which he held until July, 1889; in August, following, he again entered the employ of James McFarlane & Co. of Laporte, as bookkeeper and remained until June, 1890. Mr. Flynn then went to Jamison, Pa., where he accepted a position as bookkeeper and manager of the company store for Thomas E. Proctor, a well-to-do tanner of that village. Remaining in the latter's employ until he sold his tannery to the Union Tanning Company, our subject





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then engaged as bookkeeper for the new company until February, 1894, at Jamison, when he was transferred to Laporte as superintendent of the company's interests in that borough. Our subject has remained in this employ up to the present time and has won the confidence and good-will of both his employers and the men under him. The Union Tanning Company owns and operates several tanneries in that section of the state and is composed of the following officers: C. S. Horton, president; M. F. Hammond, secretary; W. H. Newton, treasurer; A. S. Buckley, general superintendent of the tanneries; and C. B. Farr, general superintendent of bark and timber. The officers are all prominent residents of Williamsport, Pa., with the exception of Mr. Buckley, who resides at Athens, Pa.

Mr. Flynn, while a resident of Jamison, was appointed postmaster of that village and held that office until 1897. He was wedded September 25, 1894, to Mary A. Breiger, a daughter of Charles and Frances Breiger of Laporte. Two children bless their home, namely: Joseph, born December 31, 1895; and Charles, born June 6, 1898. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Flynn are prominent members of the Catholic Church. He has served as a member of the borough council, has been member of the school board and board of health for the past five years, and in his political affiliations is a supporter of the Democratic party. He has been a member of the Democratic standing committee for the past three years; he served as delegate to the state convention held at Altoona, Pa., in 1898.

PROF. ELMER E. GARR, the supervising principal of the public schools of Berwick and principal of the Berwick High School, has served in those capaci-

ties, for which he has exhibited marked qualifications, since 1891. During his term of office he has brought the schools to a standard of efficiency that is unequalled by any in the county, and, after a pupil has completed the academic or high school course, the foundation of a good English education has been laid, and he is thoroughly prepared to enter college or to enter upon a business career. The method of instruction adopted is to inculcate the habit of research into the very depths of a subject with as little assistance from the teacher as possible. Large campuses surround the schools and are well adapted for all kinds of sports, and due attention is given to the physical development of the pupils. Prof. Garr is popular not only among the pupils and his fellow-educators, but also with the general public, which is ever ready to appreciate honest endeavor and superior work.

Prof. Elmer E. Garr is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, having been born at Easton, Northampton County, and is a son of Hilarius Garr, a resident of Edelman, Northampton County. He received his primary education in the Easton Academy, from which he graduated in 1886, and immediately thereafter entered Lafayette College. He took a full course and graduated from that well-known institution in 1890. He is a man of scholarly attainments and was well qualified to enter upon the responsible duties attached to his present duties when called in 1891. The high school building is a pleasant two-story structure, well fitted throughout with the apparatus necessary to illustrate the subjects under study, and furnished with comfortable desks. Works of reference are provided for the use of the pupils, who also have access to the library of the Y. M. C. A., which comprises 4,000 volumes of literary, scientific and historical works. Upon the board of education are to be found



some of the leading citizens of Berwick, namely: Charles C. Evans, president; H. E. Walton, secretary; S. W. Dickson, treasurer; F. W. Bower; M. G. Smith; and John A. Smethers. The faculty consists of the following capable instructors: Elmer E. Garr, supervising principal; W. L. Houck, vice-principal; William E. Elmes; Eva D. Stiles; and N. W. Bloss. Having made for himself a place in the difficult life-work he has undertaken, Prof. Garr commands the respect of the entire community and is regarded as an authority on matters educational.

Our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Laura Hester, a daughter of Nelson Hester of South Bethlehem, Pa., and they are the happy parents of three children: Florence E., Ruth H., and Marion F. Socially our subject is connected with the following orders: Master of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M.; member of W. T. Sherman Commandery, No. 23, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick; past commander of Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta; and of the Royal Arcanum. In religious belief he adheres to the doctrines of the Lutheran Church. Prof. Garr purchased the property formerly owned by Lyman Fowler, made many improvements upon it, and now has a very comfortable home. We present his portrait on a preceding page.

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**J**AMES BOYD McHENRY, ex-sheriff of Columbia County and one of the valued citizens of Benton, who is highly respected for his many sterling qualities, was born in Greenwood township, Columbia County, Pa., February 8, 1851, and is a son of Benjamin and Lovinia (Conner) McHenry, grandson of Daniel and Mary (Coleman) McHenry, and great-grandson of Daniel and Mary (Stephen) McHenry.

Daniel McHenry, great-grandfather of our subject, was of sturdy Scotch-Irish descent and was one of the pioneer settlers of Columbia County. With an ax and provisions for six months he left his home and came to the county and took up a claim of several hundred acres of land in Fishing Creek township, which is now the property of his grandson, Daniel McHenry. He felled trees and built a log cabin, and then returned to his former residence and brought his family to their new home. He cleared a part of the farm and then engaged in the tilling of the soil. He was married to Mary Stephen, who bore him the following children: Benjamin; Mattie; Daniel; John, who was the first male child born in his section of the county; Moses; and Elias.

Daniel McHenry, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Chillisquaque, Pa., and when he grew to manhood he purchased of his father one hundred acres of the original homestead and there carried on farming the rest of his active days. He passed from this life on his birthday, aged seventy-nine years, and was the grand-and great-grandfather of seventy-two children. He was wedded to Mary Coleman, a daughter of Benjamin Coleman, a native of New York State. Eleven children blessed their home, who were named as follows: Betsey; Sally; Benjamin; Polly; William; Adeline; Mary; Moses; Uriah; Joseph; and Charlotte. Mrs. McHenry died at the advanced age of seventy-nine years.

Benjamin McHenry, father of our subject, was born in Fishing Creek township, May 13, 1812, and is the oldest McHenry living to-day. He has been a farmer by occupation, and has spent his whole life on the farm engaged in agricultural labors. He was very successful in his chosen occupation and was always considered to be one of the leading

men of his community. He acquired a liberal education in the common schools and then purchased a farm in Greenwood township consisting of sixty acres of well-improved land, which he still owns. He also operated a threshing machine for twenty-six years in which he was very successful. A man of iron constitution, it is said that he has whip-sawed more timber than any one man who ever resided in Columbia County. He chose for his life-companion Lovinia Conner, a daughter of Thomas Conner, a well-to-do farmer of Greenwood township. She passed from this life February 14, 1885, aged seventy years. To Mr. and Mrs. McHenry were born the following children: Montville, a practicing physician of Exchange, Pa.; Alfred, a blacksmith, residing in Cambria, Pa.; Norman, a prominent farmer residing in Columbia County; Thomas C., deceased, who was a physician; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of M. Smith, also deceased; James Boyd, whose name heads the above lines; Lloyd, deceased; and Alveretta, deceased. Our subject's father is grand-and great-grand-father of fifty children, all of whom are still living. Mr. McHenry, to whom an exceedingly old age has come, and yet who lives with as bright an eye and with faculties as clear and unimpaired as in the days of yore, is one of the most widely-known and highly-respected residents of Greenwood township. He is now on the sunny western slope of life, surrounded by friends of the present and the dear memories of the past, and is filling out a life that has been of use and advantage to himself and everyone who has come within the circle of his good influence.

James Boyd McHenry was educated in the Greenwood Seminary and at the age of eighteen years he went to Cambria, where he learned the trade of a blacksmith. He then

located in Roaring Creek; later in Benton, where he continued to follow his trade until 1894, when he was elected sheriff of Columbia County, serving until 1898. For eleven years our subject was associated with William Appleman in the manufacture of wagons. Later, with his brother Thomas C., he built the McHenry hotel, which was destroyed by fire in 1896. Our subject immediately rebuilt the hotel into a handsome three-story structure, 42 by 80 feet; he also built two large dwellings, which he rents. He owns a farm of one hundred and five acres near the town of Benton.

Mr. McHenry formed a matrimonial alliance with Maria Moore, a daughter of George Moore, a resident of Sugarloaf township, Columbia County. Four children have been born to our subject and his wife, as follows: Annetta, wife of W. N. Kline, and having one child, Boyd; Rebecca and Lloyd C., who are attending school; and T. C., who died aged six and one-half years. Socially our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F. of Benton.

JOEL MORTON is the genial proprietor of the Berwick House at Berwick, Pa., which is a large brick structure, partially surrounded by long, broad verandas, overlooking the Susquehanna Valley with its beautiful mountain scenery in the background, and one of the best and most popular hotels in this section of the state. He is a son of Benjamin and Bessie (Morgan) Morton, and was born in Yorkshire, England, December 6, 1839.

Benjamin Morton, the father of our subject, was born in Yorkshire, England, where he lived his entire life. He was a filemaker by trade and, in connection with farming, made that his occupation. He formed a mat-

rimonial alliance with Bessie Morgan and they reared a family of children, one of whom was Joel, our subject.

Joel Morton was engaged in agricultural pursuits in England until 1863, when, with the good judgment and foresight that has since characterized his every action, he decided that America afforded better opportunities for a successful career. In that year he came to this country and located in Monocacy, Pa., where he conducted a hostelry for seven years. He then moved to Rock Glen, where he was the proprietor of a hotel for ten years. July 24, 1890, he came to Berwick and purchased the Berwick House on the corner of Market and Front streets, to which he added one story, making three in all. Large verandas were built, the rooms, forty-two in number, were equipped with steam heat, gas and many other conveniences, which added greatly to the comfort of the traveling public. Two bath-rooms are at the disposal of the guests, and by no means the least pleasant feature of the place is the spacious and attractive dining hall. The table, under the careful supervision of the landlord's hospitable wife, is all that could be desired to satisfy the wants of the inner man. He has two fine barns, one of which he rents to W. F. Ruch, and the other is occupied as a livery which he conducts in connection with the hotel. He has some handsome turn-outs and his horses are as fine roadsters as are to be found in the community. Mr. Morton is a jovial and good-natured landlord, and the manner in which he caters to the wants of his guests has made him so extremely popular that the patronage of his hotel is constantly on the increase. He is elated and encouraged by the success with which he is meeting and never tires of doing all in his power to increase the pleasure and

comfort of those stopping beneath his roof. He is well known throughout his section of Columbia County and has an enviable reputation as an honest and straightforward business man.

In 1862 our subject was united in matrimonial bonds to Mary Fisher, a native of England, and they are the proud parents of the following children: Sarah, who married William Ungsinger of Sunbury, and who have one son, Robert; Frank, the proprietor of the Nescopeck Hotel, who married Lizzie Oss; William, a fireman on the D., L. & W. R. R., married to Emma Krail; Mary, wife of John Tress of Riverside, Pa.; Lizzie, who resides at home; Benjamin D., a hotelkeeper who wedded Bessie Wright; George, who holds a clerical position; Thomas, a clerk and assistant to our subject; and Flossie, who is attending school. Politically Mr. Morton affiliates with the Republican party.

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**W**ILLIAM J. RAMSEY, an enterprising citizen of Sagon, Coal township, Northumberland County, Pa., and inside-foreman at the Hickory Ridge Colliery, has had a thorough mining career and, through steadiness of character and conscientiousness in his work, has won for himself a splendid position, the duties of which he fills to the entire satisfaction of the company. He is a son of Cyrus and Margaret (Henry) Ramsey, and was born March 15, 1859, in Schuylkill County, Pa.

Cyrus Ramsey, father of our subject, was born near Lebanon, Pa. He was a teacher in his younger days, but during his later life was a colliery clerk in the region of the Hickory Swamp Colliery. He lived in that region thirty-five years prior to his death, which occurred at Coal Run. He was a man of good, practical education, and was widely known in








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that section. Our subject's mother was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., but is now living at Coal Run.

William J. Ramsey, the subject of this biography, spent his early life in the mining districts and consequently followed the occupation of a miner. At the age of nine years he went into the breaker as a picker of slate, and remained there until he entered the mines as a full-fledged miner. It was not long until he was promoted to the position of assistant foreman at Hickory Swamp, where he remained two and one-half years. At the end of that period, in 1894, he accepted a similar position at Hickory Ridge, and his work being satisfactory, in April, 1898, he was promoted once more, to the position of inside-foreman.

Politically Mr. Ramsey is a Republican and is an active supporter of his party, having served a number of times on the election board, and has also been a delegate several times to the county conventions. He is a member of several fraternal organizations, namely: Knights of the Golden Eagle; Jr. O. U. A. M.; Knights of the Mystic Shrine; and holding offices in the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Mr. Ramsey, on July 18, 1881, married Eliza Sands, daughter of Samuel Sands of Shamokin, Pa., and they are the parents of five children, as follows: George A.; Cyrus R.; Joseph S.; B. Franklin; and Ethel Irene. Mr. Ramsey is one of the most active workers in Sagon and is a man of strictest integrity.

OL. ANDREW D. SEELY, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, one of the valued citizens of the town of Berwick and superintendent of the paint department of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of that

town, was born in Berwick, May 5, 1842, and is a son of Nathan and Catherine (Krisher) Seely, and a grandson of Samuel and Margaret (Cortright) Seely.

Samuel Seely's birth-place is not known, but he resided in Strasburg, Pa., nearly all his life, engaged in farming and teamstering. While hauling a load of goods from Philadelphia to his home town he was killed in a runaway accident. He was united in marriage with Margaret Cortright who bore him five children, namely: John, Nathan, Hannah, Huldah, and Andrew. Mrs. Seely formed a second marriage union with Samuel Santee and they were the parents of three children: Samuel, Isaac and Robert.

The father of our subject was born in 1810, and was a blacksmith by trade, having served an apprenticeship to that trade in the shop of Thomas Cole of Berwick. He moved to Orangeville, Pa., where he embarked in business on his own account, but later removed to Berwick where he followed his trade the rest of his active days. He served as major in the state militia; as inspector of the Second Brigade; and as captain of the Light Horse Artillery. He also served as constable of the town. He erected the house in which Lyman Fowler now resides. His wife was Catherine Krisher and they were the parents of two children, namely: Andrew D., our subject; and Fanny E. The latter became the wife of G. D. Jacoby of Berwick, and they reared the following children: Warren; Boyd; Kate, the wife of H. S. Williams; Mary, deceased; Sally, who is the wife of H. J. Sitler; Annie, who is the wife of G. F. Vandoozer; and Etta. The father of our subject died in 1865.

Andrew D. Seely acquired a good education in the common schools and then learned the trade of a stonecutter and worked for Capt. A. H. Rush of Berwick until the breaking

out of the Rebellion. April 20, 1861, he enlisted in Company C., 16th Reg., Penna. Vol. Inf., which was one of the first companies sworn into the Union service during the Civil War. Three months later he re-enlisted in the 84th Regiment, which, on account of the loss of men, was later merged with the 57th Regiment. When our subject was mustered out, on July 25, 1865, he was sergeant of his company. Returning home he was employed at the works of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, where he now has charge of the paint department and has some twenty men under his supervision.

August 27, 1870, our subject was made captain of the Jackson Guards, serving at Scranton, Pa., in 1871; December 31, 1871, he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the 17th Regiment and served during the riot at the Susquehanna Depot in 1874; he saw active service at Wilkesbarre and Hazleton, at which places he was on Maj. Osbourne's staff; in 1877, on the re-organization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, he was made aide-de-camp of the Third Brigade under Gen. Siegfried; he was also made aide-de-camp on Gov. Pattison's staff with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Col. Seely did effective service during the riots at Homestead, Pa. He has assisted in quelling all the riots in the state and has won the highest praise for the good judgment he displayed.

Col. Seely on March 25, 1878, was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Miranda C. Stackhouse. Our subject is a member of the Knights of Malta; G. A. R.; Society of the Army of the Potomac; Knights of the Golden Eagle; P. O. S. of A.; Camp No. 32, U. V. L.; Lodge No. 436, B. P. O. E., of Bloomsburg, Pa.; and Col. A. D. Seely Camp, No. 25, Sons of Veterans. He has been a member and chief of the fire department for the last

seven years; has served as burgess of the borough of Berwick; and as health officer eight years. Mrs. Seely is a member of the Women's Relief Corps, and is a very active worker in the organization. Col. Seely occupies a residence, No. 309 East Front street, which is one of the finest in the borough and is equipped with every modern improvement. Col. Seely holds a commission on the retired list of the National Guard of Pennsylvania and is entitled to be the guest of the governor of Pennsylvania upon all state occasions.

HIRAM W. HELLER, who has charge of "Berwick Heights," the home of C. R. Woodin and son, is one of the prominent citizens of Berwick, and was born in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa., November 10, 1850. He is a son of Michael and Mary Ann (Hetler) Heller, grandson of Christopher and Susanna (Lantz) Heller, and great-grandson of Michael Heller.

Michael Heller, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Berks County, Pa., and served throughout the Revolutionary War under Gen. George Washington. During his later days he engaged in farming in Northampton County, Pa.

Christopher C. Heller was born in Northampton County in the village of Hellertown, and when he grew to manhood he moved to Columbia County and purchased a large tract of land in Mifflin township. He cleared a part of the farm, built a saw-mill, and built the house now standing there. He also built a blacksmith-shop and did work for himself and sometimes for his neighbors; he was naturally a mechanic and made the first threshing machine ever used in Columbia County. He died on his farm in Mifflin township in 1861 at the age of eighty-four years. He was



joined in wedlock to Susanna Lantz, who died in 1872 aged eighty-four years. Four children were the results of this union, namely: Michael; John; Mary M.; and Sarah A.

Michael Heller, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Mifflin township, September 8, 1823, and carried on farming the greater part of his life. He also learned the trade of a blacksmith from his father when he was a boy and carried on blacksmithing to a large extent. He was very successful in his chosen occupations and added considerable land to the original homestead. Mr. Heller was widely known throughout Columbia County and was held in high esteem for his many sterling qualities which stand as an example to the rising generation. He was a strong Republican in politics, and, in a Democratic town, he was elected three times as poormaster, which tends to show his popularity and the respect in which he was held by his fellow-citizens. Religiously he was a member and deacon of the German Reformed Church. Socially he was a member of Lodge No. 246, I. O. O. F., of Mifflin. He formed a union with Mary Ann Hetler, a daughter of Michael Hetler of Columbia County, and the following children were born to them: Francis Whitney; Hiram Westley, the subject of this sketch; Christopher Columbus; Sarah Catherine; John Madison; Harriet Alice; and Morris M. The last three died in their infancy. Mrs. Heller passed from this life in 1863. Our subject's father formed a second matrimonial alliance with Elizabeth Smoyer, a daughter of Peter Smoyer. Seven children were the results of this union, namely: Alfred B.; Amanda, deceased; Wilson A., deceased; Rush M.; William H.; Martha M.; and one who died in infancy. The father of our subject died on the old homestead in 1893.

The subject of this sketch was reared on the old homestead and followed the pursuits of an agriculturist until 1881, when he accepted a position as coachman for C. R. Woodin, in which he proved himself honest, faithful and reliable, and was rewarded by being made general servant. When Mr. Woodin purchased "Berwick Heights" and built a magnificent residence, our subject was given charge of the same, and has held that position to the present. Mr. Heller has crossed the Atlantic Ocean three times and has traveled extensively through the Eastern Hemisphere, and also through most of the states of the Union. Mr. Heller devotes his entire time and attention to the trust bestowed upon him; he is a gentleman of refined principles, and has won hosts of friends who hold him in high esteem.

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**J**EREMIAH JOHN BROWER. This honored and esteemed pioneer citizen of Columbia County, who resides in the town of Bloomsburg, is passing his sunset days in ease and comfort, enjoying the reward of his early industry and perseverance. He has been identified with the interests of Columbia County for more than a half-century and has long been recognized as one of its best citizens, aiding and maintaining it in reaching its present position among the first-class communities of the state. He was born in Browertown, Union township, Berks County, Pa., April 10, 1821, and is a son of John and Fanny (Millard) Brower, and a grandson of Abraham Brower.

John Brower, the father of our subject, was a resident of Union township, Berks County, where he was engaged in the manufacture of grain-scoops, door-locks, and various other specialties. He was wedded to Fanny Mil-



lard, who was of Quaker descent, and they reared two children: Jeremiah J., the subject of this sketch; and Matilda, the wife of Richard Jones.

Jeremiah J. Brower received a good education in the public schools and before he was seventeen years of age he was teaching in Catawissa and was known as an excellent teacher in penmanship. In 1848 he embarked in the mercantile business at Mifflinville, Columbia County. In 1850 he sold his store and moved to Bloomsburg, where he opened and conducted a large store on the corner of Main and Iron streets for a period of nineteen years. He then erected the Paul E. Wirt block and carried on his business in that building until 1870, when he was elected justice of the peace and served in that position for a term of ten years. In 1881 he began dealing in carpets and oil-cloth and remained in that business until he retired from active business. He was succeeded by his grandson, William H. Brower, who is now successfully carrying on the business.

In 1853-54 Mr. Brower built the beautiful residence, No. 229 Market street, at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars, one of the finest brick residences in the town of Bloomsburg. Our subject takes an active part in the growth and welfare of his community and always lends a helping hand toward any measure that tends to benefit his fellow-citizens. He has assisted in forming four building and loan associations; has served as secretary and treasurer of the Mutual Building and Saving Fund Association; and has served as treasurer of the Masonic lodge about twenty-seven years. He has also been a stockholder and officer in many industries started in Bloomsburg, and was one of the chief promoters of many industries that have led to the building up of the community.

In 1841 Mr. Brower was united in marriage to Eliza Brothwell, a daughter of Dr. Eleazer Brothwell of Mifflinville. His wife departed this life in 1893, at the age of seventy-six years six months and two days, leaving the following children: Fanny J., wife of James K. Brugler; Eleazer B.; Ada Eveline, wife of L. S. Wintersteen; and Mary Eliza, who married J. H. Lingle.

Mr. Brower is one of the foremost citizens of his county and is highly respected and honored for his sterling worth and integrity as a neighbor, a gentleman and a citizen.

JOSEPH E. A. SOWERS, a substantial and influential citizen of Shamokin, Coal township, was born August 19, 1842, in Spring City, Chester County, Pa., and is the son of Abner and Elizabeth (Taney) Sowers. Both his paternal and maternal ancestors were residents of Chester County; the former being of German and the latter of French origin.

Abner Sowers, our subject's father, was born on his father's farm in Chester County, Pa., and spent the greater portion of his life near Royer's Ford, where he followed farming, but later in life worked in a mill. He died leaving a widow and two children: Joseph E. A., our subject, and Annie, now deceased, formerly wife of Rev. Henry Chapman, an Episcopalian minister. After the death of his father our subject's mother was again united in marriage, wedding William Wilcox, now deceased. One son was born to them, and bears his father's name, William Wilcox, and is now a resident of Bethlehem, Pa. His mother now resides in Philadelphia.

Joseph E. A. Sowers received a common school education at Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa., after which he entered the roll-

ing mills of that place. He subsequently left Norristown and went to Pottsville and there learned the molder's trade, which occupation he followed until he entered the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, 52d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served as sergeant for three years and five months. He was with Gen. McClellan and took an active part in the Peninsular campaign; was on duty in North Carolina, South Carolina, on James Island in front of Fort Sumter, at Yorktown, and was finally taken prisoner July 3, 1864, at Fort Johnson, on Morris Island.

After his capture at Fort Johnson he was taken to Charleston, S. C., thence to Andersonville, Sumter County Ga., where he remained three months and shared with his fellow-comrades prison life in the "hell of all hells" known to mankind on this earth. The total of Union prisoners received at this notorious prison during the war was 49,845; of this number 12,926 died. He was transferred from Andersonville Prison to Florence, S. C., where he was imprisoned for two months and then paroled. At the close of his military service he returned to Pottsville, where he employed himself for one year, after which he located at Port Carbon, accepting charge of the foundry for J. R. Boyer. Mr. Sowers continued working there for several years, operating the foundry with ability and success, and discontinued the same only to accept the more lucrative position of foreman of the molding department with John Mullen & Son, at Shamokin, December 21, 1875.

Our subject was united in marriage with Ella Lord, October 25, 1866, and their home was blessed with five children, one being now dead. The living children are: Harry, who married Katie Miller and has two bright children, Essie and Frank,—he is a machinist in

the employ of John Mullen & Son; Elizabeth; Harvey B., who married Frances Burner, and is a molder, also in the employ of John Mullen & Son; and Ella May. The two daughters, Elizabeth and Ella May, are still at home; both are affable young ladies, and to their presence is greatly due the sunshine and happiness which gladdens the hearts of their parents.

Mr. Sowers is a man who has rendered eminent services in various fields of labor. He has been faithful in all the relations of life and is a most valued member of society. His interests politically are identified with the Republican party. Socially he is a member of the following lodges: Shamokin Lodge No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, K. T.; and is also a member of Lincoln Post No. 140, G. A. R.

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**C**HARLES H. CAMPBELL, who is a veteran of the Civil War and was for many years connected with the many leading industries of Bloomsburg, is now living in retirement in that town and resides in a handsome and modern brick residence on Fifth street. He is a son of Joseph W. Campbell, and was born in Luzerne County, Pa.

Joseph W. Campbell was born in York County, Pa., in 1813 and was a good citizen and a reliable business man, accumulating a handsome competency during his active life. For many years he was foreman of construction on the North Branch of the Pennsylvania Canal, the duties of which position he performed up to the time of his death in 1878, at the age of sixty-five years.

Charles H. Campbell was reared and educated in his native county, after which he be-

came an instructor in the public schools as a means of earning a livelihood, continuing as such for three years. He was an able teacher and was appointed to the position of principal of the high school of White Haven, performing the duties of that office for about eight years. He then engaged in the same line of work as that of his father, following it until 1862 when the Civil War assumed a very gloomy aspect, and, seeing that his services were needed at the front, he enlisted in Company F, 143rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. Enlisting as a private he traveled the line of promotion and was finally made adjutant. He participated in all of the battles of the Army of the Potomac, including the battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Culpeper, Wilderness, Petersburg, and many others of lesser importance. He was at all times in command of three companies of brave and daring soldiers. Never flinching in the hour of peril, always faithful to his charge, and always to the front he rendered valuable aid to the cause of the Union and received praise on all sides for his admirable conduct and coolness while under the enemy's fire. He continued in the army until the close of the war and his enviable record in the service has been continued throughout his life. Upon returning from the war he located at Bloomsburg where he became identified with some of the leading industries of which he is still a stockholder. From 1880 to 1887 he was superintendent of what is now the Bloomsburg Car Mfg. Co.'s store, but resigned in 1888 when he was elected register and recorder of Columbia County. He served in the latter capacity for six consecutive years in a satisfactory manner. He has since lived in retirement to enjoy a well needed rest after so many years of activity. He is a member of the company which built and owns the beautiful Proctor's Inn, one of

the finest summer hotels in the state of Pennsylvania. In 1880 he erected a residence on Fifth street but it was burned to the ground in the following year. Nothing daunted by this misfortune, Mr. Campbell again built a home, one of brick, which far eclipses the former one in beauty and is supplied with all conveniences of modern times.

Our subject is well and favorably known throughout Columbia County, numbering his friends almost by his acquaintances. He was united in marriage to Sarah E. Rambach of Columbia County, by whom he had one daughter, Madge, whose beautiful young life went out at the age of twenty-three years. Mr. Campbell is a member of Sylvania Lodge, No. 354, F. & A. M. of Shickshinny, Pa.; and past colonel of the Union Veteran's Legion.

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**J**OHAN M. BOGARDUS, superintendent of the car department of the mammoth Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of Berwick, and one of the highly esteemed citizens of that town, was born in Troy, N. Y., April 4, 1851, and is a son of Robert L. and Catherine (Harris) Bogardus.

Mr. Bogardus received his education in the common schools of his native town and at the age of seventeen years he served an apprenticeship as a car builder at Green Island, N. Y., for the Delaware & Hudson R. R. Owing to his excellent workmanship he was promoted to assistant master of the car-building department and as draftsman. He remained in the employ of the company for twenty-five years when, in 1893, he resigned his position to accept a situation as superintendent of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of Berwick, Pa. Our subject has about one hundred and seventy-five men under his supervision whose duty it is to cut and fit tim-



ber by the latest modernized machinery, so that when it goes to the platform for building every piece is sawed, holes bored, and is ready to be put together in a short time. The shops also make all kinds of freight cars for general freight traffic and have a daily output of twenty cars per day. Although our subject is provided with the best of draftsmen he performs much of his own drafting. Mr. Bogardus occupies a handsome residence, No. 109 East Fifth street, Berwick.

Our subject chose for his life companion Ella J. Sherman of Troy, N. Y., and two daughters have blessed their happy home: Elizabeth A., who is teaching in the public school on Market street; and Bertha K., who resides with her parents. Mr. Bogardus is a member of the Royal Arcanum of Berwick. Our subject is truly a self-made man. Being thoroughly acquainted with the conditions that surround his workmen he is a fair and good master and no complaint is made by those under him of unjust dealings with them. Perfectly familiar with his work, he makes a faithful and reliable superintendent for his superiors. As a citizen and as a man he is public-spirited and high minded. The great respect in which he is held shows the influence which he wields personally. He is a kind father, a good neighbor, and a stanch friend. He is an eminent, worthy, and useful member of society in the locality which he has chosen for his life work.

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**D**ANIEL YOST, deceased, was a contractor and one of the most widely known and highly respected citizens of Shamokin, Coal township. He was a son of Conrad and Sarah (Scholl) Yost. He was born in the Shamokin Valley, April 22, 1822, and died January 4, 1895.

Our subject's father was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., but removed at an early date into Northumberland County, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life and was a popular, progressive and influential citizen.

It was on his father's farm that our subject spent his boyhood, received his primary education, and when grown to manhood learned the carpenter trade, passing through the different grades of apprenticeship, until he completely mastered the business. He remained in Shamokin Valley for several years, contracting and building with marked ability and success. In 1852 he removed to Shamokin, where he carried on his business more extensively and secured greater profits. Shamokin at that time was in the midst of a building boom, and Mr. Yost received the contract for most of the large and substantial business buildings now standing in that town. In one building in particular he took especial pride, the Polish Roman Catholic Church, constructed by him, which is a superb structure, noted for its architectural beauty, and is one of the finest in design of the twenty large church edifices in Shamokin.

On October 9, 1849, our subject was united in marriage with Sarah Hoover, a daughter of John and Mary (Harmon) Hoover, and their home was blessed with nine children, all of whom have grown to noble manhood and womanhood: Francis, who had exceptional advantages, received a college education, and studied for the ministry,—for twenty-seven years he has expounded the doctrines of the Reformed Church, being now stationed at York, Pa.; John Addison, of Shamokin, a carpenter by trade; George, also a carpenter of Shamokin; Mary, wife of E. W. Deiller, of Shamokin; Lily, wife of Frank Nicolas and resides in the Green Mountain State;



Louisa, wife of W. Heckman, a prominent contractor of Shamokin; Sally, wife of Robert Blair, of Johnstown, Pa.; Bertha and Laura, who are at home. John Hoover, father-in-law of our subject, was born in Berks County, Pa., September 9, 1792, and died in 1856 at the age of seventy-four years. Farming was his sole vocation. In early life he removed from Berks County and settled in Shamokin Valley where he owned one of the finest and best improved farms in that fertile district.

Our subject was a good man; he will long be remembered as one who labored unceasingly for the advancement of his township, where his memory is revered by all who knew him. He had been a member of the Reformed Church since he was a boy and always took an active part in all church organizations; he served as deacon of the church for many years and was justly considered one of its main-stays.

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**W**ILLIAM O. HOLMES, mayor and one of the highly respected citizens of the town of Bloomsburg, and senior member of the firm, W. O. Holmes & Son, plumbers, gas and steamfitters at Nos. 232 and 234 Center street, was born in Poolville, N. Y., June 20, 1842, and is a son of Rev. William E. and Caroline (Olmstead) Holmes.

Rev. William E. Holmes was a native of the state of New Hampshire and was a Presbyterian minister all his life. He passed from this life at his home in Newtown, Pa. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Caroline Olmstead, who is also deceased.

Our subject received his intellectual training in the Wyoming Seminary and then went on a geological survey throughout the state

of New Jersey. He settled in Scranton, Pa., where he had resided but a short time when, in 1863, he enlisted in the signal corps and served through the closing years of the Rebellion. After the close of the war he returned to Scranton, Pa., and worked for Hunt Bros. & Blair, hardware merchants of that city for a short time; he was then employed as freight and baggage master at Kingston, Pa., for the D., L. & W. R. R. In 1869 he removed to Bloomsburg and acted as general freight, baggage and depot agent for the same railroad company for six years. He then entered into partnership with E. K. Rollins and engaged in the tin smithing, gas fitting and plumbing business for eight years, the firm name being known as Rollins & Holmes. Later J. R. Schuyler was admitted to the firm and a complete stock of hardware was added to the business. Our subject subsequently sold his interest and for three years acted as commerce agent for Shields Bros.' hardware house. He was next connected with Danville Stove Works and later established a branch store in Chicago, Ill. In 1891 he bought out B. F. Savitts' plumbing shop, which is located in the opera house block, and in 1898 his son, Edwin Morton Holmes, was admitted to the firm which is now known as W. O. Holmes & Son. The proprietors are well known throughout the township and by their honest methods of dealing have established a large patronage. Mr. Holmes purchased the Hartman residence and remodeled and enlarged it into a handsome home.

Mr. Holmes was a member of the town council from 1874 to 1882 and was again elected to serve in that office in 1894-95 and in 1896 he was elected president of the council and mayor of the town. He was reelected mayor in the spring of 1898.

Our subject was joined in marriage to





D. WEBSTER SHIPMAN.

Christina Baumgardner, a daughter of John and Catherine Baumgardner of Pittston, Pa. Mrs. Holmes died in June, 1897, at the age of fifty-four years and left a family of five children, as follows: William D. C., station agent at Catawissa, Pa., who united in marriage with Cora Hagenbauch, and two children bless their home, William O. and D. Edward; Fred, teller of the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg, wedded to Edith Ent; Bessie, wife of A. N. Yost; Edwin M., the junior member of the firm of W. O. Holmes & Son; and Christina.

Mr. Holmes is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., also past master of the same; of Chapter No. 218, R. A. M.; past commander of G. A. R. Post No. 250; and a member of the Sons of Veterans Camp No. 270.

**D** WEBSTER SHIPMAN. Conspicuous among the young men of sterling worth of the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, to whom business and professional work have given a wide acquaintance throughout the district, and whose public services are highly esteemed, is D. Webster Shipman, district attorney of Northumberland County, Pa., a rising young attorney with a good practice and excellent prospects. He is a son of Lemuel and Maria (Bloom) Shipman, and was born March 1, 1863, in what was then Lower Augusta, now Rockefeller, township.

Our subject's common school education was finished with a course at Freeburg Academy, which he entered in 1876. He afterward spent three years at practical work in the office of the register and recorder at Sunbury, after which he decided to choose a profession for his life work and entered the Lewis-

burg University in 1883, pursued the classical course and graduated with high honors in 1887, being a member of the first graduating class after the institution had changed from Lewisburg University to Bucknell University. After graduating at Bucknell University Mr. Shipman registered as a student of law with P. A. Mahon, who at that time was district attorney of Northumberland County. He was admitted to the bar in 1890 and immediately began the practice of his profession; being a polished scholar and an eloquent speaker, he has met with flattering success and has succeeded in building up a practice which could be obtained only by a man of his exceptional abilities. His eloquence has attracted wide-spread attention and on especial occasions has excited many flattering compliments and has been instrumental in securing for him a place on the program of many public occasions.

Mr. Shipman is a Democrat and was a candidate in 1892 for the office of district attorney, but failed at the primary election. Our subject was not frightened from the field, however, by this defeat and three years later was put in nomination for the same office, being duly elected by the handsome majority of 1,100 votes, which fact alone attests his ability and worth. Again in 1898 he was renominated by acclamation and re-elected to the same office.

Our subject's family is of Norman stock; its founder having been knighted by Henry III., of England in 1258, and granted a coat of arms with the following motto: "Non Sibi Sed Orbi." The family seat was at Sarrington, Nottinghamshire, England. Edward Shipman was the founder of the Shipman family in America. In 1635 in company with Hugh Peters, John Davenport, Theodore Fenwick and others, he immigrated to Amer-



ica to escape religious persecution and settled at Saybrook, Connecticut. Some of the older members of the Shipman family rendered valiant and distinguished services to their country during the Revolutionary War.

John Shipman, great-grandfather of our subject, was born October 13, 1783, in New Jersey and died April 8, 1850. Early in life he settled in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pa., being one of the early pioneers. He was united in marriage with Mary McKinney, of Scotch descent, who was born January 25, 1786.

Abraham Shipman, our subject's grandfather, was a most remarkable man, such as is needed in the settlement of a new country. He was born March 10, 1810, in Northumberland County, of which he was a resident all his life, following agricultural pursuits, in connection with which he owned and operated a large grist-mill in Lower Augusta township. He also followed the profession of civil engineer, at which he was quite an expert. Politically he was a stanch Democrat and wielded a large influence in political circles; he enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence of the people of his community; served as justice of the peace for a long time; and was also associate judge under Judge Jordan. Being a large, athletic man of military appearance, his presence was indispensable to military organizations, and he served as a member of the Jackson Rifles from 1829 to 1836. He led a long, busy, and successful life which won for him the love, esteem and admiration of all who came within the magnetism of his presence. He died at the old family homestead where he had passed so many useful and happy years, mourned by a sympathetic and appreciative community.

At this same homestead in Lower Augusta township was born Lemuel Shipman, father

of our subject. He was reared and educated in his native county, where he taught school for a number of years; then he became a merchant in the same township until he was elected register and recorder in 1873. He served two terms in succession and showed great executive ability in the discharge of the duties of that office. Railroad contracting next engaged his attention for a number of years in various localities, after which he purchased an interest in the Lewisburg Furniture Works and became manager. He subsequently went South and engaged in the lumber business and is now manufacturing lumber in Meridian, Mississippi. He was married to Maria Bloom and four children survive as the results of this union, named, respectively: William A., who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Sunbury; D. Webster, subject of this personal history; Edwin H., in the employ of the Shamokin Street Railway Company; Augusta, now the wife of S. C. Yocum, a teacher in the public schools of Northumberland County.

Our subject is a man who is eminently fair in all his dealings; he is active, energetic, and talented, and the advances already made bespeak for him a brilliant future in the profession he has chosen. His portrait appears on another page of this work in proximity to this.

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**A**NDREW B. CATHCART, ex-postmaster and an honored and highly esteemed citizen of Bloomsburg, was born in the house in which he now resides December 22, 1844. He is a son of Robert and Sarah (Barkley) Cathcart, a grandson of Andrew and Margaret (Russell) Cathcart, and great-grandson of William Cathcart.

William Cathcart was of Irish descent, and was born in County Down, Ireland, May 2, 1728. In company with his brothers, Joseph and John, he left his native country and immigrated to the American shores, landing July 11, 1749. Andrew Cathcart, a son of William Cathcart, was born April 21, 1774, and died in 1833. He resided in Washingtonville, Derby township, Montour County, Pa., and was a watchmaker by trade. In 1799 he was joined in marriage to Margaret Russell, who bore him the following children: Sally; Robert; Mary, who died in infancy; Mary; Jane; and John R.

Robert Cathcart, the father of our subject, was born in Washingtonville, Montour County, Pa., in 1803. He learned the watchmaking trade and worked with his father several years. In 1832 he moved to Bloomsburg, where he again took up his former trade. He purchased of Henry Weaver an old log cabin, remodeled and covered it with clapboards, and lived there the remainder of his life. He and William G. Hurley owned all the land between Market and Fishing Creek streets north of First street. They built a cocoonery, imported silkworms and manufactured silk. The process was all by hand and the old building in which the cocoonery was located is still standing and has since been rebuilt into a dwelling house. Our subject has in his possession many skeins of raw silk. Mr. Cathcart was wedded to Sarah Barkley, who was born in 1808. They reared a family of two children: Margaret Jane was the wife of Calvin Achenbach, who was a regular in Company A, 6th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., during the Rebellion, and was wounded in the battle at South Mountain, which wound later caused his death; and Andrew B., our subject. Mr. Cathcart entered the world of rest in 1884, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife

passed to the unknown in 1896, aged eighty-eight years.

Andrew B. Cathcart attended the public schools of his native town and during his youthful days learned the profession of a druggist, and subsequently worked for L. N. Moyer of Bloomsburg for many years. From 1881 to 1888 our subject served as deputy postmaster under Postmaster Beckley, and in 1889 he was appointed postmaster and served four and one-half years. He has since lived in comparative retirement, looking after his business interests. For some time past he has served as secretary of the Bloomsburg Water Company. Known far and near for the excellence of his judgment, his unswerving integrity in business transactions, and his generous liberality, Mr. Cathcart cannot but have the esteem and confidence of the community. He has been first and foremost in all good works and has taken a leading part in the material development of the town and the county, besides contributing largely to moral, social and charitable objects.

GEORGE SCHILL, a highly respected citizen and prominent farmer of Elkland township, Sullivan County, Pa., was born in Eisenach, Saxony, Germany, January 2, 1830, and is a son of Gottlieb and Christiana (Reindom) Schill.

George Schill, the subject of this biography, was reared and educated in Germany, immigrating in 1851 to New York City, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for three years. He then moved to Fox township, Sullivan County, Pa., where he bought 165 acres of new land; after clearing the land he sold 50 acres and the remainder he still owns. He built a plank house and later a complete

set of farm buildings. Mr. Schill married Sarah McCarty, daughter of Joel McCarty. This estimable lady died in 1891 at the age of seventy years, leaving one child, Christiana, who married John Cook. They live in Chester County, and have three children: Blanche; John Wesley; and Marshal. April 6, 1893, Mr. Schill married Mrs. Esther Hart, widow of the late Robert Hart, who was born in the house now occupied by the subject of this sketch. He was a son of William and Charlotte (Bullyon) Hart, natives of England, who were among the earliest settlers of Elkland township, residing on the farm now owned by Mrs. Schill. Mr. and Mrs. Hart lived to be past sixty years of age and were the parents of six children, as follows: William; George; Maria; Ellen; Robert; and James. Robert Hart came into the possession of the old homestead and lived there until he departed this life at the age of sixty, leaving a number of children, namely: Ida, who married Albin Wilcox, and is the mother of three children,—Walter, Blanche E., and George Robert; Nettie, who married M. E. Wilcox, and they are the parents of two children, Wilmer R., and Wardie M.; Marilla, who married E. Norton, and has one child, Harry R.; and Clarence R., who resides with our subject.

Mrs. George Schill is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bird) Norton. Mr. Norton was born May 6, 1808, and died February 2, 1884. Mrs. Norton, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Schill, was born November 8, 1816, and is the mother of ten children: Esther, the wife of the subject of this sketch; William, who resides in Fox township, has been three times married and has two children, Perry and Lydia; Powell, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work; Emeline, who died at the age of fifteen years; Ira, who died at

the age of eight months; Lydia, who married Daniel Miller; Maria, who married W. S. Dieffenbach; Washington, who died at the age of twenty-five; George B., who married Jennie Campbell of Estella, Pa.; and James, who died at the age of fourteen years.

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**W**INTHROP C. BRYFOGLE, whose reputation as a florist is second to none in this section of the state, is proprietor of the Riverside Floral Gardens and Hot House of Bloomsburg, Pa. He is a son of Daniel and Emma (Gould) Bryfogle, and was born April 10, 1863, at Belbend, Luzerne County, Pa.

Our subject is a great-grandson of Daniel Bryfogle, who was the first of his ancestors to come to this country. His son Jacob, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Berks County about the year 1803 and was one of the substantial farmers of the community in which he lived. He was united in matrimonial bonds to Elizabeth Keen, a daughter of John Keen, by whom he had eleven children, namely: Daniel, the father of our subject; Philip; John; Mary; Elizabeth; Maria; Amanda; Susanna; Catherine; Sarah; and Hannah.

Daniel Bryfogle, father of the subject of this personal history, was born in Schuylkill County where he began his active career as an agriculturist. In 1873 he moved to Bloomsburg and purchased a farm of 105 acres, known as the Paxton farm, remodeled and enlarged the house, and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1897. He also made many other improvements which are so necessary for successful farming. He also bought Mrs. Brown's farm of thirty-five acres in Hemlock township and was one of the leading



agriculturists of Columbia County. He faithfully performed the duties of a good citizen and stood very high in public esteem. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Emma Gould, a daughter of John Gould of Plymouth, Pa., and she still survives him. They reared and educated a family of children under religious influences as follows: Jacob, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Winthrop C., the subject of this sketch; Eleanora, who married H. G. Supplee of Bloomsburg; Estella, deceased; Stanley G., who resides on the old homestead; and Philip deceased.

Winthrop C. Bryfogle attended the public schools and lived upon the farm during his early days. Even in youth he had a deep love for flowers and spent a great deal of his spare time in their culture. At the age of eighteen years he constructed a hot house, 10 by 45 feet, on the home farm in which he began to cultivate roses, carnations, and potted plants. Beginning in this small way he paid the strictest attention to his favorite occupation, enlarging from time to time when his business justified and his pocketbook permitted, until he now has one of the largest floral gardens in this section of the state. The hot-house is inclosed by 12,000 square feet of glass, and is supplied with three boilers, one of sixty horse-power and the other two of twenty horse-power each. Mr. Bryfogle makes a specialty of cut flowers and has a very large patronage among the leading citizens in the county. He supplies flowers for weddings, funerals, and social gatherings, having many unique and original designs which take very well with his customers. He also has a large wholesale trade and supplies many of the florists in the larger cities of the state. He also is engaged in market gardening and furnishes the town of Bloomsburg with most of her vegetables. He is well

known for his honesty and integrity and is firmly established in the good will of the people.

Mr. Bryfogle was joined in Hymen's bonds to Clara Mensch, a daughter of John Mensch of Rupert, Pa., and they are the happy parents of four children, as follows: Dora Bernice; Hugh O.; Max W.; and John M. In political belief Mr. Bryfogle is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Malta; and a former member of the I. O. O. F.

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**C**HARLES H. REIMARD, whose reputation as a contractor and builder extends throughout this section of the state, is at present engaged in that line of work for the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. He is a son of John and Matilda (Hildebrand) Reimard and was born in the town of Bloomsburg, September 29, 1862, which he has always made his home.

Our subject's great-grandfather was Caleb Reimard, who was born in Germany, and upon coming to America settled in Northampton County, Pa., where he was engaged in tilling the soil. He lived a long and useful life, dying at the advanced age of eighty years. He was the father of the following children: John; George; Catherine; Isaac, the grandfather of our subject; and several others who died in infancy.

Isaac Reimard was born in Northampton County in 1839, but early in life migrated to Montour County, settling near Washingtonville, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits the remainder of his life. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Smith, a daughter of John Smith of Northampton County, by whom he had the following issue: Daniel; Isa-



bella; Betsey; Sarah; John, the father of our subject; Mary; Henry; Susan; Harriet; and Isaac, George, and Hannah, who died in childhood. Mr. Reimard died at the age of forty-nine years and his worthy wife survived him many years, dying at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

John Reimard, our subject's father, was born in Northampton County, March 2, 1837, and was eighteen years of age when he moved with his parents to Montour County, where he learned the trade of a brick and stone mason. He, practically, has followed that occupation since and has been exceedingly successful. In 1859 he located in Bloomsburg and erected a home on Sixth street, in which he lived for many years. He finally sold that property and built his present home on the corner of Fourth and Railroad streets. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Matilda Hildebrand, a daughter of David and Sophia (Paden) Hildebrand. Her grandfather was William Hildebrand, who was a miller by trade and lived in Fishing Creek township, Columbia County. His companion in life was Adeline Fausby and they reared a family of eight children, namely: David, the father of Mrs. Reimard; Polly; Nancy; Catherine; Betsey; Susan; Martha; and Sally. David Hildebrand was born in New Jersey, removed to Columbia County, where he was engaged in farming in Orange township. He died at the age of eighty-three years and his wife was ten years younger when she passed into the eternal realms. Mrs. Hildebrand's maiden name was Sophia Paden, and the following children were born to them: William; Jacob; Lovina; John; Catherine; Matilda, our subject's mother; Sarah; Elizabeth; Elmira; Samuel; and David. Mr. and Mrs. Reimard's union was blessed by the birth of five children, whose records are as follows: Harvey, a brickmason by

occupation, married Elizabeth Wolf, and they are the parents of one daughter, Velma; Sadie, wife of C. E. Whitenight; Howard R., a mason; Emma, a weaver; and Charles H., the record of whose life is here given.

Charles H. Reimard received his education in the common schools and learned the trade of a mason at the age of sixteen years. As he gained rapidly in experience he decided to engage in contracting, and accepted his first contract on heavy jobs in 1886. He built the foundations for many of the best residences in the town of Bloomsburg, also for the silk mill, public school, desk works, and other large concerns. He always filled the contracts to the letter, never cutting any part to meet expenses, and by his honesty and straightforwardness won the confidence and good will of his fellow-townsmen, who never hesitated to place a contract with him. His services were in greater demand as his reputation grew, and in 1889 he was called to the position of superintendent of masonry on the Philadelphia & Reading R. R., from Catawissa to Milton, and has since served in that capacity. In 1894 he was also made superintendent of the construction of the double track to Muncy River bridge. He had charge of the Catawissa division for three years and was superintendent of the building of the Belt Line R. R. of Bloomsburg. At present he is acting as superintendent in building the iron bridge across the Juniata River at Birmingham for the state. It is the first river bridge ever built by the state, and Mr. Reimard's work is pronounced first-class in every respect and fully meets the requirements. By his kind, but strict, methods of dealing with the men under his charge he obtains the best results and retains their respect and good will.

In 1893 Mr. Reimard built a handsome residence at No. 225 Fourth street, where he and

his family have since resided. He was united in matrimonial bonds to Ella Madara, a daughter of Charles Madara, a retired stonemason of Danville, Pa., and they are the happy parents of four children: Clara, deceased, who was born at Danville, Pa; Cora Irene, who was born in Williamsport July 9, 1888; John C., who was born in Bloomsburg, January 15, 1892; and one who died in infancy. In politics our subject is a staunch Democrat.

**C**HRISTOPHER A. KLEIM is one of the enterprising and influential citizens of the town of Bloomsburg who is held in high esteem by the citizens of that community, and is proprietor of the leading drug store of that town. He was born in the city of Philadelphia August 30, 1847, and is a son of Henry and Dorothea (Eicholtz) Kleim.

Henry Kleim, the father of our subject, was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, and during his boyhood days learned the trade of a shoemaker which he followed until 1846 when he and his family immigrated to the United States and located in Philadelphia. In 1857 he moved to Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., and for a short time followed his trade but soon gave it up and conducted a grocery store on East street; later he disposed of his grocery store and put in a full line of hardware at Mt. Carmel and carried on that business until he retired from active life. Mr. Kleim was united in the bonds of wedlock to Dorothea Eicholtz, a native of Saxony, Germany. As a result of this union the following children were born to them: Christopher A., the subject of this sketch; Annie, the wife of C. McArthur of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Henry F., a highly respected resident of Wilkesbarre;

and Lizzie, deceased, who was the wife of C. A. Prentiss and resided in New Brunswick, N. J., at the time of her death. The father and mother of our subject were both popular members of the Lutheran Church of which Mr. Kleim was treasurer for many years.

Our subject first attended the public schools of Philadelphia and when his father moved to Bloomsburg, he finished his education in the classical schools conducted in that town by Henry Carver. He then entered the drug store of Moyer Brothers and remained in their employ four years. In 1872 he embarked in the drug business and bought out E. P. Lutz; later he purchased the brick block where Saltzer's music store is now located and there our subject conducted his business until 1894 when he purchased a vacant lot on West Main street and erected a handsome brick store. The store is a three-story structure, the first floor being used for his drug store and the second and third floors as a dwelling by our subject and family. He carries a complete line of drugs and conducts the largest and best kept drug store in Bloomsburg. He is popular with his fellow-citizens and by his honest and straightforward dealings has succeeded in establishing a large patronage. He also has done considerable building; in 1884 he bought the Buckalew house on West Main street, which he enlarged and remodeled and later sold; in 1885 he built the Reuben Hess residence on Third street; in company with C. W. Runyon he built on Pine alley a large double house; he owns a tenement house at No. 260 East Fifth street.

Mr. Kleim chose for his life-companion Clara J. Seasholtz, a daughter of C. B. Seasholtz, and they were wedded in 1872. She passed from this life leaving one child, Harry C., born in 1873, who is clerking in his father's store; he was a graduate from the public

schools and later graduated from the Bloomsburg High School. Our subject formed a second matrimonial alliance September 9, 1884, with Addie Johnson, a daughter of Wesley Johnson, a resident of Jerseytown, Columbia County. Two children blessed this union, Helen D., born in October, 1891, and Florence, who died in infancy.

Mr. Kleim firmly advocates the principles of the Democratic party and has served as secretary of the Democratic county committee two terms and as overseer of the poor and school director. He is also vice-president of the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg and is a director of the Rosemont Cemetery. Mr. Kleim and his family are members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Bloomsburg.

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**M**RS. CHRISTIANNA C. BIRD, who resides in a handsome home in the borough of Northumberland, is the widow of Joseph Bird, who for many years was one of the foremost business men in Northumberland County, Pa. He was a son of Ziba and Hannah (Mentz) Bird, and was born in 1814 on Little Roaring Creek in Rush township, Northumberland County.

James Bird, grandfather of Joseph Bird, was born in Warren County, N. J., and was one of the pioneer settlers of Rush township, Northumberland County, Pa., where he purchased a large tract of wild and uncultivated land on Little Roaring Creek. He was the father of the following children: John; Rachel; Sarah; Susanna; Ziba; James; Joseph; William; and Sylvanus.

Ziba Bird, the father of our subject, was born in Warren County, N. J., and, upon moving to Rush township, Northumberland County, with his father, he aided in clearing

the farm and later learned the trade of a carpenter. He made the acquaintance of John C. Boyd, a prominent citizen of Danville, by whom he was engaged to superintend his mining operations in Shamokin. Mr. Bird erected the first two buildings in what is now the borough of Shamokin and they are to-day known as the National and Vanderbilt hotels. He also erected many other buildings at that place. He also was interested in coal operations for several years but retired when the business relaxed, moving to Rush township, where he followed farming. He subsequently purchased a home at Red Point, on the Susquehanna River, and there resided until his death at the age of sixty-five years. He was married three times, first to Hannah Mentz, who died at an early age. Their children were as follows: Annie; Joseph; Catherine; Sarah; and Elizabeth. His second union was with a Miss Farley and they reared three children: John; Hannah; and Ziba. He next married Margaret Muchler by whom he had the following offspring: Mary J.; William; Nelson; Montgomery; Eliza; Emma; Samuel; Margaret M.; and three who died in infancy.

Joseph Bird acquired his intellectual training in the common and private schools and assisted his father in the duties about the farm. When his father became superintendent in the coal fields at Shamokin and on the railroad established by Mr. Boyd, Joseph became his assistant and in that capacity gained a wide experience in the business world. He then conducted a coal business in his own behalf at Ashland for one year, and later formed a partnership with J. J. John, M. D., and J. B. Doutz, Esq., for the purpose of operating the Big Mountain Colliery. This they did under the firm name, Bird, Doutz & John, and it proved to be a very valuable coal field. Our subject soon became sole owner and con-







GEO. W. MEARS.

ducted the colliery for eight years with the greatest success, when he sold out to the Bird Coal & Iron Company, in which he was a large stockholder. Having previously bought the magnificent building in which the First National Bank of Northumberland was located, he moved to Northumberland in 1866. The bank then moved to Sunbury and a new bank was established which has since been known as the First National Bank of Northumberland Borough. This large brick building, with massive pillars in the front, was the finest and most costly building in the county; in order to appreciate its grandeur it must be seen. It is now furnished in luxurious style and the parlor walls are adorned with fine paintings. Mr. Bird also was the owner of a number of choice farms in that section, one being Packer Island, which is considered one of the best farms in the valley. He was identified with many of the business enterprises of that borough and lived there until his death on June 18, 1882. He was a man of high character and one who merited and enjoyed the respect of all. He was sociable and a pleasant conversationalist, and he acquired and retained the friendship of many people in the various sections in which he resided.

Mr. Bird was joined in hymeneal bonds with Rebecca Kram, a daughter of Jacob Kram, a pioneer hotel-keeper of Shamokin, and they became the parents of three children: Susan, who first married William Snyder, and after his death married L. L. Haas; Elizabeth, the wife of Patrick Gillespie; and Wellington, who died at the age of fourteen years. Mrs. Rebecca Bird died at an early age some ten years after marriage, and he subsequently formed a second alliance with Catherine Hill, a daughter of George Hill of Shamokin, and she died without issue. He

formed a third union with Christianna C. Kram, the subject of this sketch, who is a daughter of David Kram of Bethlehem, Pa., and a granddaughter of Joseph Kram. Mrs. Bird has carried out the plans made by her husband prior to his death with great ability, having remodeled the house, built a mansard roof, and made many other important improvements. She is a woman possessed of many virtues and is held in the highest esteem by all who know her. Religiously Mrs. Bird is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as was her husband. Socially Mr. Bird was a member of the Masonic Order.

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**G**EORGE W. MEARS, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, made an enviable record as a soldier in the Civil War, and is at present serving efficiently as telegraph operator and agent for the D., L. & W. R. R. at Rupert. He is a son of Alexander and Phoebe (Knouse) Mears, and was born in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, January 3, 1843.

Our subject's grandfather, Samuel Mears, was one of the pioneer settlers of Roaring Creek, Columbia County, where he followed the trade of a shoemaker. He was united in marriage with Sarah Evans and they reared a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, one of whom was Alexander Mears, the father of our subject, who was born in the Roaring Creek settlement and reared under Quaker influences. Early in life he learned the trades of wagonmaker and carpenter, and also served an apprenticeship to the trade of machinist. Although he died in the prime of life, at the age of thirty-nine years, he was a man of wide experience and considerable mechanical skill. He was employed at the old Irondale furnaces at Bloomsburg for

many years and also served as a patternmaker for some time at the foundry of Lewis, Moss & Co., of Bloomsburg. He also did some contracting for the old Catawissa Railroad. He was united in hymeneal bonds to Phoebe Knouse, by whom he was the father of three sons, namely: George W., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; Alfred M., who was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in Company M, 112th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and met death at Petersburg, Va., after two months' service; John B., who was a molder by trade and a soldier of the Civil War, belonging originally to Company H, 103d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., but later enlisted in another company,—he is now a letter carrier in Chicago, Ill.

George W. Mears was intellectually equipped for the battles of life in the public schools of Bloomsburg and at the breaking out of the war enlisted in Company A, 6th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., July 4, 1861, and was connected with the Army of the Potomac. He enlisted as a private and was later promoted to sergeant. He participated in many important battles, always displaying bravery and an eagerness to do his full duty. He took part in the battles of Dranesville; Grovetown; Second Bull Run; South Mountain; Antietam; Fredericksburg; Gettysburg; Rappahannock Station; and Mine Run. At Fredericksburg he narrowly escaped death from a minie ball, which, fortunately, hit his belt buckle and only slightly injured him. During the battle of Gettysburg he and a few of his comrades charged on a log house filled with rebel sharpshooters who were playing on the Union lines with deadly effect, and for this act of bravery he was awarded a medal by Congress in February, 1897. At Mine Run he was struck by a piece of flying shell, which fractured his left arm and necessitated its amputation at the

shoulder. The surgeons in attendance took out so many pieces of the shoulder bone that they gave up all hopes of his recovery, but his wonderful constitution and vitality asserted itself and in five weeks he was able to return to his home in Bloomsburg. A piece of his shoulder bone is now in the Medical Museum at Washington, D. C. After fully recovering his health he learned telegraphy and became an operator at Danville, where he continued for five years, and then accepted his present position as telegraph operator, station agent, and express agent for the D., L. & W. R. R. at Rupert. He performs his duties in a satisfactory manner and has the respect of all with whom he is acquainted, both in business and social relations. He is of a genial disposition, and is a pleasant conversationalist, and his friends delight in hearing him relate war reminiscences.

On June 9, 1870, our subject was united in marriage with Mary A. Appleman, a daughter of Mathias Appleman, a retired farmer and resident of Bloomsburg. This marriage has been productive of seven children: Wellington E., deceased; Elmer A., a car inspector on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Rupert; H. Reber, who assists his father at the depot; Othello, who died at the age of eleven years; Ulysses Grant; George W., Jr., deceased; and Mathias K. He is past sergeant of Union Veteran's Legion, No. 32, of Bloomsburg; and was formerly a member of the G. A. R. Politically he is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party which party nominated him for the State Legislature in 1890.

ORTEZ B. ROBBINS, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Greenwood township, Columbia County, late the proprietor of a large wholesale liquor




house of Bloomsburg, being an enterprising and progressive citizen of that town. He is a son of Daniel W. and Harriet (Ager) Robbins, and was born in Greenwood township, Columbia County, September 4, 1858.

Daniel W. Robbins, father of our subject, was a surveyor during his younger days having learned the profession from his father who also followed that occupation. Later he became a teacher in the public schools in different sections of the county. In the early 50's he moved to Lumber City, Clearfield County, Pa., where he erected the first building in that town. Wishing to locate permanently he came to Bloomsburg in 1860, and established a wholesale liquor house which he conducted the remainder of his life. He was a man of noble impulses, kind and charitable, and no man stood higher in public esteem. He folded his hands in final rest May 20, 1880, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. He was a man of high educational attainments and was thoroughly abreast of the times on matters of current interest. He was united in hymeneal bonds to Harriet Ager and they became the happy parents of two children: Lizzie M., and Cortez B. Although Mr. Robbins took an active interest in matters of a political nature he never aspired to office being content to live the life of a private citizen. He always voted uniformly and conscientiously for the Democratic party. He was an Odd Fellow.

Cortez B. Robbins, in whom the interest of this sketch centers, obtained his primary education from private tutors, attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School for a time and completed his study at Clinton Seminary. He then began clerking in a drug store at Danville, Montour County, but owing to failing health he was compelled to relinquish that occupation for one which afforded more

out-of-door exercise. After his father's demise he succeeded him as proprietor of the wholesale liquor business and conducted it from that time to August, 1898, when he sold the business to J. S. Bachman. He had enlarged the establishment to some extent and carried a comprehensive line of fine wines and liquors. He has always been an active and energetic citizen and the promoter of various industrial enterprises. A somewhat remarkable and a highly commendable characteristic of Mr. Robbins is that he has never tasted tobacco or used it in any form, nor liquors, to which excellent habits he undoubtedly owes his present excellent health. He has erected a fine brick residence at No. 352 East Second street, which is fitted with all modern improvements and is a very desirable piece of property. His mother resided with him at the time of her death, May 17, 1898. Mr. Robbins being a single man, since his mother's death his only sister, Lizzie M., has had charge of the household.

Mr. Robbins is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M. of Bloomsburg; Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; is P. E. C. of Mount Moriah Council No. 10, of Bloomsburg; a member of Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; and a member of the Mystic Shrine.

 **V**ICTOR A. LOTIER, publisher and editor of the Daily Record and Weekly Record of Danville, Pa., is one of the prominent journalists of Montour County, and a highly respected citizen. He was born in the city of New York, December 15, 1842, and is a son of Benjamin and Anna (Ronk) Lotier.

Benjamin Lotier was of French descent and was born in the city of New York, and during his early days was a silver engraver.



which business he followed in New York City, Boston, and Philadelphia. He wedded Anna Ronk, a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Our subject's father passed from this life at the age of sixty-nine years.

Victor A. Lotier acquired a liberal education in the public schools of Philadelphia and in 1854 moved to Danville where he found employment in the rolling-mills of that town. In 1862 he was in the state of Rhode Island and shortly after his arrival there he enlisted in Company E, 3d Reg., R. I. Cav., and served throughout the Civil War. He was first elected commissary-sergeant but was soon promoted to the rank of orderly sergeant. He received an honorable discharge at New Orleans, La., in 1865, and then spent one year in traveling through the western states. Returning to Danville, Pa., he assumed the duties of his former position in the rolling-mill, remaining until 1871, when he purchased the Danville Marble Works; he also became a stockholder in the Record Publishing Company of that town. April 1, 1878, James Foster, Harry Vincent, and our subject purchased the Danville Record, which was established by A. P. Fowler. The Danville Record was formerly edited by Mr. Brower, and was an independent paper, the first edition having been issued March 16, 1876. When these gentlemen took possession of the paper it was known as the Weekly National Record; later our subject became sole proprietor and the paper was then known as the Weekly Record. May 23, 1881, our subject started the Daily Record which has a good country from which to draw its patronage; it has a circulation of 700 and the weekly paper about 900 circulation. Mr. Lotier has thoroughly mastered the newspaper business and understands how to conduct a paper. The reading matter of the Daily and Weekly

Record is well selected, its editorials are good, and its local news is admirably presented.

Mr. Lotier was united in marriage to Fanny Hughes, a daughter of Peter Hughes, and a family of two children blessed their home, namely: Homer H., a resident of Camden, N. J., who married Anna Murphy of Philadelphia; and Walter M., a printer on the Sporting Life of Philadelphia, who is married and has a son, Homer.

GEORGE S. STERLING, foreman of the Mount Carmel Iron Works, is an esteemed and highly-respected citizen of Mount Carmel, Pa., and has done much to further the progress of the town. He is a man of splendid abilities and good judgment, his opinion being much sought after. Mr. Sterling is a son of Clinton B. and Lucy (Loreman) Sterling, and was born April 20, 1864, in Bloomsburg, Pa.

Clinton B. Sterling, father of our subject, was born in October, 1837, in Columbia County, where he spent most of his life, and at present his home is in Bloomsburg, Pa. His occupation, in his active life, was always that of a teamster, and he was widely known throughout the county. He has always been a stanch Democrat and has taken a very active part in the town politics, having served as councilman for his native town thirteen consecutive years; then, after a year out of office, he again served two years more, and was urgently requested to continue to serve but refused. In church affairs he has been equally active, being a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has served as elder in the Reformed Church. Mr. Sterling married Lucy Loreman, a daughter of Samuel Loreman, and they are the parents of nine children, six of whom are living.





SAMUEL EDWARD DEARMOND.

George S. Sterling, the subject of this biography, was educated in the common schools of Bloomsburg, and at the age of seventeen entered the wood department of the Bloomsburg Car Shops, where he remained one year, leaving at the end of that period to attend school. After one year's schooling, on March 6 of the following year, he entered the employ of Harman & Hassert to learn the trade of a molder. After six years in that business he was ill for a year. When his health permitted he began work in the Bloomsburg Desk Factory, and remained with that company for five years, when he removed to Mount Carmel and became one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Iron Works. He was one of the directors until 1897, when he resigned. Mr. Sterling has splendid business abilities, and has always applied himself with earnestness and diligence. He has always been an active worker in the town politics, and is constantly looking after the interests of his party. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Mount Carmel.

Mr. Sterling married Ellen Neyhard, a daughter of Samuel Neyhard of Bloomsburg, and they have been blessed with two children, Myron and Francis. Mr. Sterling has a large circle of warm friends in the county and is well known.

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**S**AMUEL EDWARD DeARMOND, retired, and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Watontown, Northumberland County, Pa., was born in Delaware township in the county in which he now resides, first seeing the light of day near the Warrior's Run Church on June 9, 1855. He is a son of the late Samuel and Rebecca G. (Ferguson) DeArmond, a grandson of Samuel and Esther (Wallace) DeAr-

mond, and a great grandson of Thomas DeArmond, whose wife's name has not been handed down in the family record.

Our subject comes of a family whose founders were among the earliest settlers in this state and he possesses among other relics a deed for land purchased by his great-grandfather, Thomas DeArmond, as far back as 1793. This deed, which is of great historical interest, was given by John and Thomas Penn to Frederick Watts and is dated June 22, 1775. It conveyed a tract of 100 acres which subsequently was bought by Thomas DeArmond and now forms part of the estate which finally descended to the subject of this sketch.

Educated in the public schools and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, Samuel Edward DeArmond has devoted his ability and energy, substantially, to excellently caring for his parents and successfully managing the estate. He has been a large dealer in real estate and has been also foremost in promoting the growth and progress of Watontown, in which he always has taken an active and most helpful interest. Our subject is a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank of Watontown, which owes much of its prosperity and success to his energetic and wise efforts. As have been his father, and mother and the family back for generations, Mr. DeArmond is a Presbyterian. In politics he is a Democrat, but never has aspired to hold office.

Thomas DeArmond, great-grandfather of our subject, with his wife and children, came from County Donegal, Ireland, to this country and first located in Dauphin County, this state. In 1793 the family removed to Northumberland County, the head of the family buying the tract of land heretofore referred to. Thomas DeArmond partly cleared the land and passed the remainder of his years upon



the spot chosen as his final home. He and his wife lived to "ripe old age" and both peacefully lie in the cemetery at Warrior's Run Church. Their children, so far as the family can state, were three sons,—Samuel, John and Robert. Of these, Samuel was born in Ireland and was ten years old when his father settled in Northumberland County. Samuel assisted in clearing the tract of land, followed farming all his life and died in 1842. His wife survived him until 1851, when she, too, was laid in the cemetery at Warrior's Run Church. Their children were: John; Thomas; Samuel, father of our subject; William; Hester; Martha; Margaret; and Mattie.

The father of our subject, Samuel DeArmond, was born on the farm herein mentioned on March 22, 1811. He received a common school education. He and his brother Thomas were left the handsome estate to which they added considerably until it became quite a valuable property. Samuel was unusually successful in his ventures and he retired from active farming or other pursuits in 1873 and built the handsome brick residence on the southeast corner of Sixth and Mum streets in Watson town where he died April 3, 1898—twenty-five years to a day since he arrived in the township. This residence is now occupied by our subject and his wife. Thomas remained on the farm until his death. Samuel was a Democrat and somewhat active in local politics. He served as auditor of the township and a member of the school board in Watson town.

Mrs. DeArmond, mother of our subject, passed from this life November 1, 1898. She was born September 20, 1812, and was a daughter of Andrew Ferguson of Northumberland County. These children were the results of the happy union of Samuel DeArmond and Miss Ferguson: Hadasah G., Wil-

liam W., Andrew Woods, Thomas Dutton and Samuel Edward.

Our subject was united in marriage on January 26, 1899, to Kate D. Ball of Philadelphia. A portrait of Mr. DeArmond is shown on a previous page.

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CHARLES W. MILLER, who is identified with many public enterprises and who has the advancement of the interests of the town of Bloomsburg at heart, is an able attorney-at-law, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession there since 1867. He comes of an old and well-known family of Columbia County, is a son of Stephen H. and Lavina (Kline) Miller, and was born in Mifflinville, Mifflin township, Columbia County, November 20, 1844.

Our subject's grandfather was Charles Miller, of German descent, who at an early age left his home in Lehigh County, Pa., and located in Mifflin township, Columbia County. He engaged in agricultural pursuits and was a man of considerable prominence. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Sarah Hann, who lived to the age of seventy-two years.

Stephen H., the father of our subject, was sheriff of Columbia County from 1855 to 1858, after which he was engaged in the mercantile business. He was married to Lavina Kline, of Scotch-Irish descent, whose grandparents were among the prominent early settlers of Fishing Creek township, Columbia County. Religiously they were of stanch Presbyterian stock. Mr. Miller died on November 8, 1891, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife died September 12, 1883, at the age of seventy years, leaving to survive them two children: Isaac K., a salesman; and Charles W.

Charles W. Miller, in addition to completing the required course in the common schools, took a course in the Millersville State Normal School, after which he read law with William G. Hurly and E. H. Little. Since his admission to practice in 1867 he has resided in Bloomsburg and has been engaged in the practice of law. While he is of the Democratic school of politics he has never entered actively into political affairs. He has employed himself continually in promoting the general welfare of the town, especially by identifying himself with many enterprises, and he is proud of the fact that the town has prospered to a degree that is not only commendable, but leaves it without a rival in the state for variety of industries, growth and general appearances. What especial part he has taken in forwarding the various enterprises of which we have spoken will probably never be known through him, as he is greatly opposed to speaking of his own accomplishments. However it is well known that he was one of the organizers and is now more or less interested in the following business ventures: Woolen mill, silk mill, carpet mill, desk works, furniture factory, brass and copper plant, novelty works, elevator works, electric light works, gas works, steam heating company, water company, artificial ice company, cold storage company, creamery, match factory and electric railway. He has been and is now extensively engaged in real estate transactions. As a lawyer he is engaged more especially in efforts to keep people out of litigation, rather than to relieve their difficulties by legal process. Mr. Miller's residence is on Centre street, where he has lived since his marriage.

On October 11, 1866, our subject was united in marriage with Cora L. Eshleman, a daughter of Benjamin L. Eshleman of Port

Carbon, Schuylkill County, Pa., being a descendant of the founder of Pottsville on her mother's side, and on the paternal side a descendant of the Eshlemans and Martins who were early residents of Lancaster County, Pa. This union is blessed with the following children: Mrs. Annie Miller Melick, now residing in Philadelphia, Pa.; Vida; Frank E., recently a private secretary and clerk for the Cross Creek Coal Company of Luzerne County and now a law student in the office of his father; Charles W., Jr., now a resident of Florida; Gertrude, who now resides in Mexico; and Cora Imogene, a student. Our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F.; and is also a Mason.



**J**OSEPH BUDDINGER, the leading meat merchant of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Pa., and a prosperous and enterprising citizen, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 7, 1847, and is a son of Anthony and Julia (Fricker) Buddinger.

Anthony Buddinger, the father of our subject, was born in Germany and came to America in 1849, locating in Mount Carmel, where he lived until his death in 1898. He learned the trade of carpentering in his native country, where he followed it some years; he also followed it at Mount Carmel nearly all of the years of his residence there. He was united in marriage with Julia Fricker and they reared four sons and two daughters: Conrad, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg in the Civil War; E. William, formerly a machinist by trade, who is now engaged in the butcher business in Mount Carmel; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Mathias, who follows the trade of a carpenter; Julia, who died shortly

after landing in this country; and Teresa, the wife of William Reamsnyder of Williamsport, Pa.

Joseph Buddinger was about six years of age when he was brought to Mount Carmel by his parents, and soon after entered the public schools, which he attended for the brief period of three months. Although his schooling was limited, he has acquired a very extensive knowledge of the affairs of the world by constant contact with business men and men of high education. He early in life learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed until 1873, when he went into the butchering business, which he has since continued. He was first located on Fifth street, but later moved to his present excellently located establishment on Oak street, about the year 1880. He carries the highest grades of meats of all kinds and is patronized by the leading citizens of Mount Carmel. He has many friends and is highly esteemed.

Mr. Buddinger enlisted in the Civil War in Company D of the 48th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., March 10, 1864, and served with great credit until its close; he actively participated in the following important engagements: Battle of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Weldon Railroad, Spottsylvania, Spottsylvania Courthouse, and before Petersburg. He was wounded on June 17, 1864, at Weldon Railroad, slightly wounded in front of Petersburg in 1865, and at the battle of Cold Harbor received a wound which resulted in deafness in one ear.

Our subject was first united in marriage with Sarah Kutz of Schuylkill County, Pa., by whom he had two children, namely: Carrie E., the wife of William Straup of Mount Carmel; and Katie, the wife of George Clark of Mount Carmel. His second union was with Josephine Kreighbaum, and they have three

children: Sally; Julia; and Adam Lawson Lee. Politically Mr. Buddinger is now a consistent Prohibitionist, but formerly was affiliated with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 630, I. O. O. F.; Mount Carmel Commandery No. 22, Knights of Malta; and Burnside Post No. 92, G. A. R.

THOMAS J. BARTON, one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of Bloomsburg, is proprietor of the White Mill of that town and enjoys a large and paying custom. He was born on the old Barton homestead on West Main street, near where the pottery now stands, September 28, 1840, and is a son of Caleb and Sarah (Rupert) Barton.

Our subject comes from an old and prominent family whose members have long been connected with the growth and development of Bloomsburg and Columbia County. His great-grandfather was Elisha Barton, one of the early settlers of Bloomsburg, who was the son of Thomas Barton.

Thomas Barton, great-great-grandfather of our subject, was of English birth and came to the United States with two brothers early in the eighteenth century, settling in Virginia. His companion in life was Hannah Clark, a native of England, and they were the parents of the following children: Daniel; Elisha, the great-grandfather of our subject; Theophilus; Roger; Undrel; Thomas; Clark; Amelia; Sarah; and Isabella. Elisha was born in Virginia, June 21, 1742, and lived there until 1781, when he came to Columbia County and located near the town of Bloomsburg. He purchased land on Fishing Creek and built what became known as the



Red Mill at the foot of a hill and not far distant from the stream. It was one of the first mills erected in this section of the country and was on the site upon which our subject's mill is now located. He put in a wheatstone chopper and plaster grinders and did the custom work for the farmers for many miles distant. He also owned a large tract of land on the opposite side of the creek which he cleared, giving the lumber for the erection of the First Episcopal Church. He was one of the most prominent men of the county and was held in high esteem by a large circle of acquaintances. He was active and energetic and served for a number of years as justice of the peace. His first marriage was with Mary Simonton, whose death occurred shortly after they moved to Northumberland County. They reared one son, Thomas. On July 10, 1771, he formed a second union with Ann McCarty, who was born in New Jersey, March 20, 1754, and they were the parents of the following children: Mary, who was born December 16, 1772, and married John Boone; Amelia, born October 2, 1774; Elisha, born September 2, 1777, and married Rachel Miller; Isaiah, born June 21, 1780, whose wife was Mary Thornton; Hannah, the wife of James Boone, born May 25, 1783; John, who was born May 10, 1785, and married May C. Kreider; Anna, the wife of Abraham Klotz, was born January 6, 1778; Sarah, born May 2, 1790; Caleb, who married Mary Craig, born November 26, 1792; one, who died in infancy; Cyrus, whose birth occurred May 3, 1796, and who was united in marriage to Catherine Brewer; and Betsey, wife of William Robinson, born January 30, 1799. After living a long and useful life Mr. Barton passed into the world of rest September 12, 1816, and his beloved wife survived him seven years, dying January 11, 1823.

Isaiah Barton, grandfather of our subject, followed farming until 1842, when he purchased the mill property and, after tearing down the mill erected by his father, built the one which is now operated by our subject. He conducted a custom mill and found it a very remunerative occupation, as he was well patronized. He lived but a short time after the completion of the mill. He was united in marriage to Mary Thornton and they reared a large family of children, one of whom was Caleb, the father of our subject.

Caleb Barton was born August 30, 1812, and lived upon the homestead farm during the early part of his life. He took charge of the farm, while his father conducted the affairs of the mill, until the latter's death, when he succeeded to the ownership of the mill. He successfully operated the mill until his death. In 1855 he built the handsome residence in which his son-in-law, Thomas Webb, now lives. In February, 1836, he was united in marriage to Sarah Rupert, a daughter of Peter Rupert, a member of one of the oldest families of the community, and they became the happy parents of six children: Evelina B., the wife of Dr. W. H. McReynolds; Mary, deceased; Thomas J., the subject of this biography; Catherine B., the wife of Alfred Ale; Emma B., the wife of John Moore; and Anna B., the wife of Thomas Webb. In 1862 he formed a second union with Delilah Creveling. Mr. Barton folded his hands in final rest in Bloomsburg in 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. In politics he was a Whig until the death of that organization, when he became a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. In religious attachments he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas J. Barton, our subject, was reared on the farm and after attaining his majority



learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed in Bloomsburg for eight years. He then returned to the homestead farm, where he carried on general farming for twenty years, or until 1895, when he purchased the old Barton Mill property, and after making many improvements operated it. He has fitted it up with improved machinery and operates the mill in an up-to-date manner in every respect. He turns out a high grade of flour, the best brand being the White Lily, and it finds a ready sale on the market. He is a man in whom the people do not hesitate to place their confidence and he has many friends throughout Columbia County. In the fall of 1897 he built a fine residence on West Main street, where he has since resided.

Mr. Barton served as a musician in the 6th Pa. Reserves for thirteen months, and received his honorable discharge in 1862. After his return he was drafted and became a member of Company A, 171st Reg., Pa. Militia, and served about eleven months, his regiment acting as scout during that time.

Mr. Barton formed a matrimonial alliance with Henrietta Guild, a daughter of Aaron Guild of Hemlock township, and six children have blessed their happy union, namely: Edward, who married Annie Fowler, and has two of four children living, Mable and James; Catherine, deceased; Isaiah, a silk weaver, who married Mary Oswell, and they have the following children,—May, Thomas, Leone, Helen, Caleb, Fred, Ray, Francis, deceased, and Frank; Caleb, a miller; Harry, a teacher; and Maud, a graduate of the Bloomsburg High School.

Mr. Barton is a Republican in his political affiliations. In religious belief he is a member of the Episcopal Church.

JAMES J. HARDING is a tiller of the soil, having commenced that occupation in 1883, since which time he has occupied a fine farm in Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, Pa. He is of sturdy English extraction and was born in London, England, December 24, 1850. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Fremont) Harding;

James Harding, the father of our subject, was also born in England, but in 1853 he bade farewell to his native country and with his family of two children immigrated to the United States and settled in Montoursville, Lycoming County, Pa., where he still resides. He was in the army during the Civil War. He has accumulated a fine estate and has retired from active work. Mrs. Harding was also born in England and is the mother of the following children: James J., whose name appears at the head of these lines; Elizabeth, who is the wife of George Evenden, who is a florist at Williamsport, Pa.; William, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pa.; Mary Bell, who was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Robert E. Dietrich, a prominent merchant of Montoursville, Pa.; and Charles, a prosperous gardener of Montoursville, Pa. Mr. Harding gave all his children a good education and all are well-to-do members in the various communities in which they reside.

James J. Harding started out in the saw-mill business and continued the same until 1883, when he left Montoursville, Pa., and moved to Sullivan County, where he purchased the Edkins farm in Shrewsbury township. Our subject is an energetic and industrious farmer, and has made many fine improvements on his homestead, which consists of 112 acres of highly cultivated land. He is prominently known throughout the coun-

ty, is a good neighbor and citizen, and possesses a multitude of friends.

Mr. Harding was wedded in 1876 to Annie J. Feister of Shrewsbury township, a daughter of John and Margaret (Edkins) Feister, both now deceased; upon the death of our subject's wife, which occurred in September, 1894, she left a family of three children, namely: Clyde, a bookkeeper residing at Montoursville, Pa.; Harry Chester; and John Paxton. On December 26, 1895, Mr. Harding formed a second marriage with Alda Edkins, a daughter of Warren and Rosalia Edkins; her mother and father still reside in Shrewsbury township. One child has been born to this union, Sarah Rita. Mr. and Mrs. Harding are members of the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. Harding is a Republican and has served as school director several years.

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**P**ATRICK F. BRENNAN, district superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, is a man of great prominence in the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. His position is one of vast importance not only to his employers but to the thousands of laboring men under his supervision. In 1895 he was appointed district superintendent of the Southern Coal & Iron Works and he has exhibited much executive ability in his management of the same. The district in his charge includes the following collieries: Henry Clay, Big Mountain, Sterling, Burnside, Bear Valley, North Franklin and Buck Ridge. These collieries furnish employment to about 3,800 men and boys and are all located in Northumberland County.

Besides his varied duties in superintending

these collieries Mr. Brennan has been partially instrumental in bringing about important changes in the mining laws. He was appointed by Gov. Robert Pattison a member of a commission consisting of eleven to revise the old mining law then in operation. The commissioners gravely considered the situation and the present law is the result.

Our subject was born September 3, 1853, in the southern part of Schuylkill County, Pa. His father died when he was eleven years of age, leaving a widow and four children, our subject being one of them. Thus, early in life, he was obliged to work hard to assist in supporting the family. At the age of eleven years he began his industrious career by working as door-boy of Preston Mine No. 2, located at Girardville, operated at that time by Eaton & Company. As he was active and attentive to his duties he was soon promoted from that position to a better one and finally became a miner. On account of his superior skill he was advanced to foreman of the Suffolk Colliery, near Mahanoy City, which position he resigned to accept his present much more important and lucrative situation, mentioned in the beginning of this sketch.

In 1886 Mr. Brennan was a prominent figure in the Knights of Labor and in that year was a delegate to the Miners' District Assembly, which was held in Indianapolis, Ind. At all times our subject has been ready and willing to do all in his power to assist and help those who are under his supervision.

Mr. Brennan sought and won Elizabeth Murphy for his wife and their nuptials were consummated July 1, 1880. The following children have been born to them: Thomas; Laura; Annie, Lizzie, Helen, and Joseph, all deceased; James; Joseph; Eleanor; and Ida. During his experience as a miner while working at Preston Mine No. 2 he received severe

injuries, caused by a gas explosion, and has never entirely recovered from them. Politically Mr. Brennan inclines to the party of Jefferson and Jackson, but does not ally himself with it when its politics do not suit him. He served one term as burgess of Girardville and was also tax collector and chief of police of the same town. Few men can boast of having more friends and influence in the Seventeenth Congressional District than our worthy subject.

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**W**ILLIAM WEAVER EVERT of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., is widely and most favorably known among railway men because of the responsible position which he holds. He is a son of Daniel and Mary E. (Weaver) Evert and was born January 14, 1843, in what is now the town of Shamokin. A successful man in business, a veteran of the war with an admirable record, and a man of most estimable character, Mr. Evert is looked upon as one of the leading citizens of Northumberland County.

Daniel Evert, father of our subject, was a man of whom his son and family are justly proud. He was one of the pioneer tanners in the eastern part of the state and his enterprise did much toward giving to the industrial interests of Shamokin the impetus which eventually produced the very satisfactory results which are to-day evident on every hand. Mr. Evert was born in 1805 and passed to his final rest at his home in Shamokin in 1868. A tanner by trade he erected the first industry, aside from those connected with coal operating, in Shamokin, building and operating a tannery on a site near that of the present Pennsylvania Railroad station and on which now stands the residence which he built

and which is now occupied by the subject of our sketch. The home is notable as the first brick structure built in Shamokin. About the time of the breaking out of the war Mr. Evert abandoned the tanning business and engaged in the manufacture of soap, following the business for several years. He lived a comparatively retired life for two years previous to his demise. Politically Mr. Evert was not active and he never aspired to office, although a man of positive and liberal opinions. He was a pioneer of Presbyterianism in Northumberland County and long was an ardent and most active supporter and advocate of the doctrine in which he so firmly believed, and he held numerous offices in the early Presbyterian Church in Shamokin. Mr. Evert was married twice. To his estimable first wife were born seven children, one son, the subject of this review, and six daughters. Of the children who grew to maturity the eldest daughter, Malinda W., was the wife of Daniel Felix of Schuylkill County, and resided in Shamokin at the time of her death; Catharine is the widow of B. F. Boughner; and Sarah E. died at the age of sixteen years. The second wife was Mrs. Margaret Haas (widow) whose maiden name was Lunger, of Danville, Pa. By this union two children, John L. Evert and Mrs. Burton B. Smith, were born, both still residing in Shamokin. The second wife, and second-time widow, departed this life February 27, 1899, at the age of eighty-three years.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of Shamokin and at the age of seventeen he entered the employ of George B. Cadwallader, druggist, as clerk, remaining in the drugstore in the town of Shamokin until the proprietor retired from business. In response to the call for men to serve in the army against the Confederacy our subject enlisted in Com-







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pany C., 131st. Penna. Vol. Inf. He was detailed as hospital steward because of his knowledge of drugs and served nine months with great credit to himself. Returning to his home he entered the employ of the Northern Central Railway, working for two years as a clerk in the Shamokin office and then being transferred to the weigh-scales, where all the coal received from the east is weighed, as weighmaster. Mr. Evert is an enthusiastic Republican and has been a member of the borough council and also treasurer of his town. He is a prominent communicant of the Lutheran Church.

On May 17, 1866, our subject was united in marriage to Mary J. Kreigh of Catawissa. To them have been born five children as follows: Clara, who is at home; Edward K. and William K., who are general merchants in Shamokin; and Harriet B., and Laura, who also are at home.

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**R**OBERT GOODWILL, who, prior to his death, was president of the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company of West Virginia, was one of the most honored and respected citizens of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa. The entire stock of the company was owned by Mr. Goodwill and his family and was directed by the following management: Robert Goodwill, president; Anthony G. Goodwill, vice-president; Philip Goodwill, general manager and treasurer; William Goodwill, secretary. The firm was organized in 1886 by our subject, after having secured a lease of 800 acres of the famous Flat-Top coal lands from the Flat-Top Coal Land Association.

Preparatory work was immediately begun by Mr. Goodwill in opening up the mines, erecting the necessary machinery, buildings,

coke ovens, etc., and such other improvements as are necessary for the shipment of coal and coke. The business was conducted as a firm until December, 1888, when it was incorporated in accordance with the laws of West Virginia as the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company. The first shipment of coal was made in September, 1887; since that time the capacity of the mines has steadily increased until at present the colliery is capable of turning out 1,000 tons of coal daily. With the present shipments, from ninety to one hundred men are employed. The plant contains 50 Bee Hive coke ovens, erected in accordance with the requirements of the lease, which have a weekly capacity of from 300 to 350 tons.

The mines are systematically as well as advantageously laid out, and are thoroughly ventilated with a 15-foot fan. There are four main openings, with an excellent track system connecting with two tipples, only one of which is used in ordinary shipments. The company is fully equipped in every particular, having a number of comfortable and suitable dwelling houses, a convenient and well-arranged store, offices, etc., commodious stables, saw-mills, mine cars, and a fine artesian well which furnishes an excellent water-supply for all requirements. Our subject continued as president of this company until death called him to final rest, December 17, 1898. He was a man of high character, having led a pure and moral life, and his loss was deeply felt by his family and many friends.

Robert Goodwill was born October 7, 1827, at Loan End, Northumberland County, England. He was a son of Anthony Goodwill of Northumberland, England, and was the tenth in a family of twelve children. At the early age of nine years he commenced work in the mines of England and was engaged first in

removing coal from the mines in something like a tub or sled. At the age of thirteen he began mining coal, was identified more or less in the business of coal mining up to the time when death claimed him. His parents, although they came of humble birth, were industrious and highly respected, being devout members of the Church of England, and through them the son inherited the religious inclinations so characteristic of the man. He was married July 27, 1847, to Catherine Wake, and to them were born five children: three boys and two girls. The girls died in infancy, but the three boys are living. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedded life on July 27, 1897.

In the middle of May, 1852, our subject, with his wife and son, sailed for America, arriving in Philadelphia on June 30, 1852. From there he went to Gold Mine Gap, Dauphin County, Pa., where he worked three years at mining coal. From Gold Mine Gap he moved his family to the Shamokin coal fields, where he was employed at the Lancaster Colliery, better known as the Coal Run Colliery, about three miles east of Shamokin. In 1857 he located in Trevorton, Pa., about eight miles west of Shamokin, working as a miner and contractor. He remained there for eight years, when, in 1865, he leased the tracts of coal land known as the Greenough and Bear Valley tracts, about three miles west of Shamokin, and moved his family there. He operated those two collieries very successfully until 1877, when he sold out his interest to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. Although well advanced in years, Mr. Goodwill's active spirit would not permit him to remain idle and, accordingly, he leased a tract of bituminous coal land at Reynoldsville, Jefferson County, Pa., and operated it be-

tween four and five years, until the coal on his lease was exhausted. He then leased what is known as the Carson tract, just on the outskirts of Shamokin; that he operated for two years, when he sold out to a New York firm. From that time until 1883 he was engaged in various mining enterprises and next secured a lease in the now famous Flat-Top coal field of West Virginia, being one of the early pioneers of the coal development, with Capt. Welch, J. H. Bramwell, John Cooper, and John Freeman, giving his personal attention for two years to his interests there, when he turned the management over to his son, who is at present the general manager.

A. G. Goodwill, vice-president of the company and eldest son of our subject, was born in Scotland in 1848, and accompanied his parents to the United States in 1852. He attended the public schools of Pennsylvania, afterward graduating at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. Returning to Shamokin he accepted a position as bookkeeper, which he held for sixteen years, resigning to engage in the hardware business in Shamokin, which he still carries on successfully. He became a member of the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company at its incorporation, which business connection he still retains. He married Miss R. C. Klase of Ashland, Pa., in 1873, and has one son, Robert, now twenty-one years old.

Philip Goodwill, second son of our subject, was born in Dauphin County, Pa., received a common school education and subsequently pursued his studies for two years at Dickinson Seminary. His father, being engaged in mining and shipping coal, naturally brought his sons in contact with every branch of the business from the office to the more responsible positions about the mines. In 1874 Philip left Shamokin for Reynoldsville, Pa., where he took charge of his father's large bitumi-



nous coal interests, and remained in that capacity until 1878, when he returned to Shamokin and engaged with his father in the coal business again. Subsequently he entered the law office of Hon. W. H. M. Oram, but never entered upon the practice of his profession, notwithstanding he was duly admitted to the Northumberland County Bar in 1884. Some time after being admitted to the bar he was elected teller of the First National Bank of Shamokin, which position he filled with satisfaction until 1887, when he resigned to assume the management of the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company, which position he still retains. In 1887 he married the eldest daughter of W. H. Douty of Shamokin, and immediately thereafter located in Bramwell, W. Va., where he now resides, having one of the most beautiful and comfortable homes in that pretty little town. Mr. Goodwill is a past commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, of Bramwell; also a member of the blue lodge and chapter of that place, as well as a member of Beni-Kedem Temple, U. D., of Charlestown, W. Va. He is secretary of the Pocahontas Company and is associated with other business enterprises. He is an influential member of the Presbyterian Church of Bramwell and member of the board of education of Rock district, in which capacity he was largely instrumental in securing the erection of the handsome new graded-school building recently constructed in Bramwell.

W. F. Goodwill, youngest son of our subject, Robert Goodwill, was born in Dauphin County, Pa., and attended the public schools, after which he graduated at Dickinson Seminary in 1875, taking a commercial course at the same institution the following year. His school vacations were spent in working about his father's mines in various capacities. After completing his commercial course he returned

to Shamokin and was employed in his father's office as bookkeeper, in which capacity he remained until the colliery was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. He was next employed by L. M. Shuman & Company, grocers, for about one year; then engaged in business at Shamokin as a member of the firm of Derby & Goodwill, in which he continued for some time; disposed of his interest to enter the mail service, which occupation he followed for about three years, leaving the service to accept a position as bookkeeper with J. Langdon & Company, at Neilson Colliery, Shamokin, where he remained until 1889, when he went to Goodwill, W. Va., as secretary and buyer for the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company, the position he still holds. In 1879 Mr. Goodwill chose for his wife and life companion Ida R. Klase of Ashland, Pa. His home is in Shamokin, where his family resides. Mr. Goodwill has never taken an active part in politics, but was elected in 1888 to the Shamokin borough council, and now holds the position of notary public for Mercer County, W. Va.

The publishers of this volume take pleasure in announcing that a portrait of Robert Goodwill appears on a previous page, in connection with the above life history.

THOMAS C. REESE is a well-known and much respected citizen of Shamokin, Pa. He superintends the machine and blacksmith department of the Shamokin Iron Works. Mr. Reese is at present also much interested in gold mining. He is the owner of 154 acres of land in McDowell County, North Carolina, which is being largely developed under a lease. The firm which is operating his territory is now erecting a



ten-stamp mill to be run by water power. This field is rich not only in gold, but also contains other precious metals and valuable minerals. Within a radius of five miles have been found about one hundred and thirty-six different minerals, the rarest of these being diamonds. Mr. Reese reasonably expects to realize in the future a fair profit on his investment.

John Reese, father of our subject, was a native of South Wales and immigrated to America in 1846, bringing his family with him; he located in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pa., and at once accepted a position as mine superintendent in the employ of William H. Johnson. He continued in this business until he departed this life in 1853. He was known as an old-line Whig, but could not be prevailed upon to accept office.

Thomas C. Reese was born in Monmouthshire, South Wales, July 9, 1837, and is a son of John and Mary (Thomas) Reese. He was brought to America by his parents when about nine years of age, receiving his education in St. Clair, Schuylkill County. When quite young he learned the trade of a machinist and when grown to manhood worked at that occupation in Port Carbon, and also at Mauch Chunk, Carbon County, Pa., subsequently removing to Luzerne County, and thence to Northumberland County, continuing to work at his chosen calling. After remaining in the latter county two years, he spent one year prospecting in the Cumberland Mountains. He was employed by the Tonzwell Coal & Iron Co. of Virginia to prospect for coal.

In 1856 our subject went South to Virginia and engaged in mining for three years. He, at the end of that time, returned North and engaged his services with the Shamokin Iron Works. In 1886 he again went South and

was located in Georgia for a short time, but finally returned to Shamokin and accepted his present responsible position, which he is very creditably filling. He has the reputation of being a skilled mechanic and consequently is quite competent to oversee the departments under his control.

On November 15, 1865, our subject was united in marriage with Mary Henry. They have merry gatherings at their home and both Mr. and Mrs. Reese are well and favorably known in social and religious circles throughout the town.

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**A**SHBEL B. LONGSHORE, D. D. S., a prosperous and popular dentist of Mt. Carmel, with a large practice, is a son of Evan J. and Mary (Segraves) Longshore, and was born April 2, 1869, in South Easton, Northampton County, Pa. Our subject started on his active business career as a messenger boy and has worked diligently until he has raised himself to a prominent position in his chosen profession and is known as one of the most capable and successful practitioners of dentistry in the county.

After obtaining a comparatively meager preliminary education in the common schools of Scranton, Pa., our subject at the age of fourteen years began to earn his living and set out to make his own way with comparatively little assistance. He entered the employ of the Postal Telegraph Company and served as a messenger for about two and a half years. Next he was in the employ of the Grand Union Tea Company and, determined to follow out his ambition, he entered Wood's Business College at Scranton, in which he received a fairly good business education. He then removed to Hazleton, Pa., where he was employed as bookkeeper for the





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Lehigh Coal Company. Our subject was fortunate in having access to the large library of his uncle, Dr. W. R. Longshore, a prominent physician at Hazleton, and he studied assiduously while keeping the books of the coal company. Having decided to take up dentistry as a profession, he entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia from which he graduated in 1895. He immediately removed to Hazleton where he practiced his profession for a year and then removed to Mt. Carmel, where he has since been an honored resident and a leader among its professional men.

Dr. Longshore comes of a family of physicians, evidently inheriting the natural aptitude and liking for the profession in which he has been so successful and in which he stands so prominent. His grandfather, Ashbel Longshore, was one of the first physicians to locate at Hazleton and began his practice there when the town was very small. The father of our subject, Evan J. Longshore, also was a physician and followed his profession in Scranton, Pa., during the major part of his life time. A brother of our subject, Eugene, is now attending the dental college in Philadelphia.

Our subject is a member of the Mt. Carmel Commandery No. 22, Knights of Malta. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Stager and to them has been born one child, Jennie W.

**A** P. YOUNG, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is one of the most prominent farmers of Greenwood township, Columbia County, and is the proprietor of a well-improved farm of 80 acres, which is located in the fertile region of Greenwood Valley. He was born near Benton, Co-

lumbia County, Pa., November 17, 1835, and is a son of Abram and Ann (Peterman) Young.

Abram Young, the father of our subject, was born in New Jersey, and in 1812 moved to Columbia County, Pa., working on the way at different occupations. While en route he worked on the river bridge at Harrisburg, which was then being erected. Upon arriving at Benton, Columbia County, he purchased a tract of timberland consisting of 111 acres, which is now the property of Washington Krouse; he cleared part of his purchase and engaged in farming the rest of his life. In politics he was a strong Democrat and held the office of county commissioner and also was justice of the peace for thirty years. He took an active part in the War of 1812, and was a captain in the militia. He passed from this life at his home in Benton at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife was Ann Peterman, a daughter of James Peterman, who came to where Benton now is from Bucks County, Pa.; he was a blacksmith. Two sons and two daughters were born to this union, as follows: Mercy Ann, deceased, who was the wife of Mathias Roberts; Aaron, deceased, who was a well-to-do farmer of Round Grove, Whiteside County, Ill.; Sarah, who married Eli McHenry of Benton, Columbia County; and A. P., whose name heads these lines.

A. P. Young was reared on his father's farm near Benton and received his education in the public schools and at Greenwood Seminary at Millville, Pa. He then taught in the public schools three years and two years in the Greenwood Seminary. In 1861 he took possession of the old farm where he now lives, which consisted of 80 acres of very much worn land, and he has made many improvements, and his farm now ranks among the most productive in Greenwood Valley. In addition to



carrying on general farming he also deals somewhat in stock, his farm being well stocked with thoroughbred registered Jersey cattle. For the past twenty years he has been breeding Brahma poultry, and later Bronze turkeys were added. Our subject is one of the stockholders of the Farmers' Produce Exchange, Limited, of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Young is an active member of the Patrons of Husbandry and has filled many of the offices in that organization; has been a member of the executive committee of the state grange for two terms and county deputy for fifteen years. Politically our subject is a Democrat; is serving his closing term as justice of the peace; and is a candidate for nomination for member of the Legislature. On January 10, 1861, Mr. Young and Rachael Wilson, daughter of Reuben Wilson, were united in marriage, and to them have been born four children, namely: Alice, the wife of A. H. Potts of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pa.; Ella; Emma; and Mary.

Mr. Young is an industrious and energetic man, a good citizen, and is held in high esteem. He is adding his quota to the business interests of the township and filling his position with great credit. Mr. Young is on the state list of lecturers for the Farmers' Institutes of Pennsylvania and has ably held that position for fifteen consecutive years. He has visited many of the neighboring counties in that capacity.

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**D**ANIEL FAUST is prominent among the most successful contractors and builders of Shamokin, Coal township, and is a member of the well-known firm of Reed & Faust. This firm is extensively and favorably known for the excellent work done by it in various parts of the town. The firm

makes a specialty of comfortable and handsome dwellings and enjoys the distinction of having erected many of Shamokin's model residences. Messrs. Reed & Faust employ from twenty-five to thirty competent journeymen carpenters and supervise in person all work entrusted to them. They have a large lumber-yard and workshop well supplied with all kinds of building material and are always prepared to furnish estimates on all kinds of new buildings, or for the remodeling of old structures. Among their patrons are some of the largest real estate owners in Shamokin, and they are noted for doing strictly first-class work at reasonable figures. A few of the beautiful and cozy homes erected by the firm are those of H. H. Keiser, T. B. Hertzog, Jacob R. Keiser, Richard Deppen, and their own handsome and modern residences.

Daniel Faust is a son of George and Rebecca (Klingerman) Faust and was born at East Mahanoy Junction, Schuylkill County, Pa., March 15, 1841. He attended the public schools until seventeen years old and then moved to Mahanoy City, where he learned the carpenter's trade; he soon proved himself to be an expert workman and labored industriously at his trade in and about his native section for many years. In 1876 he located in Shamokin and continued to work in that town and surrounding country until 1884, when he formed a partnership with Francis T. Reed and embarked in the contracting and building business under the firm name of Reed & Faust. He is now reaping the rewards of his industry and is enjoying a comfortable competency in his closing years.

Daniel Faust, our subject, was united in marriage with Susan Seward December 1, 1866, and to them have been born four children, only two of whom are now living: Melinda, a charming young lady, and Edward E.,

now attending the Pennsylvania Dental College of Philadelphia.

Our subject has a very creditable war record. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army in Company H, 96th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and was honorably discharged from the service June 22, 1865, having served his country nearly three years without missing a single day's duty. He served in the Army of the Potomac and under Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. Among the important battles in which he participated were Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and Rappahannock Station, where his gallantry was observed by Gen. Henry Upton, who made him his orderly from that time until the close of the war. Socially our subject is a member of Gen. Grant Lodge, No. 575, I. O. O. F.; also of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of Shamokin. He is an active member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Church.

John Faust, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Berks County, Pa., but early in life located in Rush township, Schuylkill County, where he was an ideal and practical farmer. Later he removed to Mahanoy, which is now Mahanoy City, and for some time was proprietor of the Mahanoy Hotel, but still later he returned to Rush township, where he spent the remainder of his life.

George Faust, father of our subject, was born on the site of Mahanoy City before the town was built. He was educated, reared and lived in that section all his life. He early learned the carpenter's trade and was also very skillful in building wind-mills for cleaning grain. A severe cold contracted by exposure cut short his progress in life's journey, just as he was nearing its forty-second milestone, leaving his widow and nine children to mourn his premature demise.

**M**RS. GEORGE HASSERT. The subject of this sketch, a highly respected lady, resides at her home on the corner of Catherine and Fourth streets, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa. She is the widow of George Hassert, who was born in Reichensachsen, Hesse-Cassel, Germany, November 5, 1824, and was a son of George and Elizabeth (Wagner) Hassert.

George Hassert, Sr., was a native of Germany and made his native country his home all his life.

George Hassert, Jr., was well educated in the schools of his native town and his youth was spent working in a mill and learning the trade of millwright which he followed some time. At the age of twenty years he enlisted as a soldier in the German army and served six years, during which time he participated in the war between Denmark and Germany in 1848; during the storming of Dabbelar Fort, in Denmark, he received a wound by a saber in the forehead and chin. He was also in the regular army at Baden, engaged in suppressing the rebellion, and was stationed at Carlsruhe. In 1851 he left the army and came to the United States, locating in Philadelphia, where he again took up his trade, which he followed until 1856. In that year he moved to Bloomsburg and followed his former occupation as millwright until 1875, when he entered into partnership with Peter S. Harman, a born mechanic, and began operating a foundry and machine shop. They purchased the Barton farm upon which they erected a building 50 by 60 feet and began the making of Eclipse cooking stoves and heaters, and the Montrose plough. Their trade increased so rapidly that they were obliged to enlarge their establishment and, accordingly, in 1880 they built a large addition and began the manufacture of mining

cars and castings, and machinery for constructing and operating mines, also a repair shop. The shop is equipped with the latest and most improved machinery; faces East street and is three hundred feet square; it gives employment upward to sixty men whose work is of the highest order. George Hassert was one of the energetic and industrious business men of Bloomsburg and amassed a fortune.

George Hassert on February 12, 1854, was married to Magdalena Decker, who was born July 15, 1829. Her parents were Joseph and Christina (Pensal) Decker, both natives of Germany, where her father operated a farm and saw-mill until his death which occurred at the age of fifty-three years. Her mother died aged eighty-three years. They were the parents of seven children, Jacob, deceased; Joseph; Florein, deceased; Phillipena; Charles; Christina; and Magdalena, our subject, who came to the United States in 1852. To Mr. and Mrs. Hassert, were born the following children: Charles W., a machinist in the shops of Harman & Hassert, who wedded Martha Hartman. They are the parents of two children, Annie and Pearl; Henry, of Bloomsburg, was first united in marriage to Mary Echard, who died leaving two children, Ira and Ray,—his second marriage was with Alice Earl and one child, Magdalena, blessed the union; Annie; Lizzie, wife of Edward Sleppy of Kingston, Pa., and they had two children, Grace and Madeline, Grace died in 1889, aged fifteen years; Emma, the wife of Charles Erath of Wilkesbarre, Pa.—to this union two children have been born, Bertha and Stanley; Ella, wife of William Armstrong of Bloomsburg, and they have one child, Martha; George, a bookkeeper of the firm of Harman & Hassert, wedded Carrie Wilson who bore him three children,—Lee,

Eunice, who died aged three years, and Martha, who died aged three years and eight months.

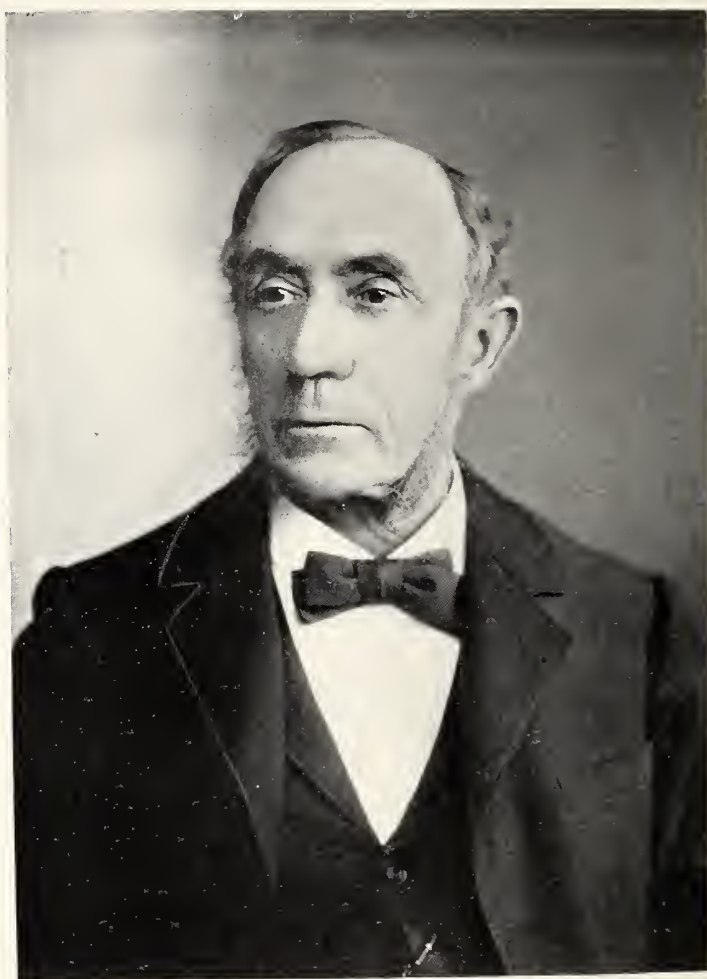
The demise of George Hassert occurred at Bloomsburg, October 26, 1889, the result of neuralgia of the heart. He was greatly mourned because he was loved and respected by all who knew him and he was a man widely known and esteemed for his integrity, honesty and uprightness, both in social and public life. He ever strove for the suppression of evil and the doing of good. He was a kind father and husband, and the esteemed lady whose name heads this sketch lost a dear companion at his death.

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**H**ARRY W. KLINE, the efficient and accommodating yard-master of the Northern Central R. R. at Shamokin, Pa., stands prominent among railroad men in his vicinity. He was born in Halifax, Dauphin County, October 21, 1865, and is a son of John F. and Elizabeth (Krisinger) Kline. He was educated in the public schools of Halifax and at the Dauphin Academy. At the age of eighteen he was employed by the Dauphin Bridge Company as time-keeper, which position he held for three years, and later on accepted a position with the Northern Central Railroad as yard-clerk at Sunbury, where he also remained three years, discontinuing the same to accept a similar position with the Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Co., still remaining in Sunbury two years more, at the close of which time he was again promoted and became train-master's clerk for the Sunbury division of the Philadelphia & Erie, and also the Northern Central Railroad, for a period of two years. But he was not content to rest here when there was "room







DR. MARCUS HOWARD HARPEL.

at the top," and fortune favored him; he was promoted to assistant yard-master at Shamokin, for the Northern Central R. R., December 9, 1897, and was still further promoted to yard-master January 1, 1898, which position he is now filling so acceptably to his employers.

Philip Kline, grandfather of our subject, was a gunsmith by trade and a native of Halifax, Dauphin County, where he followed his chosen occupation for many years. In the Revolutionary War he rendered distinguished service to his country during that struggle for liberty and independence. He was united in marriage with Margaret Schulz and six children were the results of this union: John F., father of our subject; Elizabeth; Susanna; Clementine; Mary; and Alice. Politically he was a strong believer in the principles of Democracy, and was a prominent man in his day and generation.

John F. Kline, father of our subject, was born in 1825; he was also a native of Halifax, where he was reared and educated. He has a significant and very remarkable railroad career. While still a young man he entered the employ of the Northern Central R. R. Co., being given the charge of a coal and water station, and was gradually advanced to the position of conductor, which occupation he followed for thirty-five years, and since that time has been a watchman, having received injuries while in the service. He has been a good and faithful servant of his employers and is highly esteemed and respected by them. He enlisted in the Union Army in 1863 and served throughout the Rebellion. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Sunbury, where he is now spending his declining years. He married Elizabeth Krissinger, daughter of John Krissinger of Derry Station, Westmoreland County, Pa. She is now peacefully en-

joying life at the age of sixty-eight years. Their family consisted of six daughters and one son, our subject, as follows: Annie, wife of John Bottomstone of Halifax; Ida, wife of A. B. Milliken of Phoenixville, Pa.; Katie and Alice, who are at the homestead in Sunbury; Ella, deceased; and Elizabeth, wife of B. F. Bright of Sunbury.

Our subject is a valued member of Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., at Sunbury; and is also a member of the Cresco Social Club and the Sunbury Social Club.

DR. MARCUS HOWARD HARPEL, whose portrait appears on the preceding page, is a physician of Shamokin, with an extensive practice, and is one of the oldest and most successful homeopathic physicians of the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. He was born February 1, 1838, in Orwigsburg, county seat of Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of Rev. Mark and Martha Ann (Morgan) Harpel. He was reared in Philadelphia, Northampton and Lancaster counties, Pa., and received his early education in the district schools. His preparatory education was secured mainly through his own efforts. In 1861 he entered the State Normal School at Millersville, Pa., having obtained the means to defray his expenses by teaching in the public schools of Lancaster County. After graduating at the State Normal, being a young man of spirit and enterprise, he aspired to fit himself for a professional calling, and chose for his life-work the practice of medicine. He entered upon his preparatory work in the office of Dr. Joshua Baker, a prominent physician of Lancaster, Pa. After faithfully pursuing his studies he completed his preparatory course and entered the Homeopathic College of Philadelphia, graduating

therefrom in 1867. After practicing his profession for a short time in Canton, Ohio, he located in Shamokin, Northumberland County, in the fall of the same year, September 25, 1867. He has continued in the active practice of his profession for more than thirty-one years, making a specialty of diseases of women and children, of the digestive organs and diseases of the throat and chest, and has met with marked success. He has noted with interest the material progress of the town, and well remembers when a greater part of the site of prosperous Shamokin was nothing more than a swamp.

Dr. Harpel is a man who has kept well abreast with the times in his profession, and his career has been that of a student not merely in becoming master of books but by observation and travel as well. His library is well stocked, not only with medical books but with many valuable works treating of science, travels, literature and general information. He has traveled extensively in the United States and Canada and also throughout Europe, having made two trips abroad and visited most of the important countries and objects of interest. During his active professional career he has found time, in addition to keeping well versed in his profession, to master the German language.

The Harpel family, of which Dr. Marcus Howard Harpel is a worthy scion, is one that has been prominently identified with the professional history of Eastern Pennsylvania for about a century and a half. The founder of the family in America was John Jeremiah Harpel, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, who, desiring wider range for the exercise of his industry and talents, immigrated to America in 1750 and located in what was then known as Faulkner's Swamp, near the present borough of Pottstown, in Montgomery Coun-

ty, Pa. He occupied himself in cultivating his farm there and spent the remainder of his life in that locality. David Harpel, the grandfather of our subject, was born on that prominent homestead and was reared there. When a young man he went to Philadelphia and built a hotel at the junction of Fifth street and the old York road. He operated that hotel very successfully for many years, when, having accumulated a competency, he retired from active life and spent the remainder of his days with two of his sons, David and Jacob, who were prominent tailors of Philadelphia.

Rev. Mark Harpel, our subject's father, was a man of more than ordinary linguistic powers, possessing an unusually complete knowledge of Latin, Greek, French, and German. He was born in Philadelphia, October 10, 1810. His early education was received in church schools, and when quite young he assisted his brother Jacob in conducting a private academy for boys. Having been designed for the ministry by his parents, he began the study of theology in 1826, under Rev. Mr. Waage, in Bucks County. Five years later he was commissioned as a licentiate of the Pennsylvania Synod; at its meeting in 1832 both he and his brother, Jeremiah, were ordained to the work of the Lutheran ministry. More than forty years of Mark Harpel's life were devoted to earnest, faithful work for the Master in the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. His first regular charge was Salem, N. J., where he remained until 1836, when he removed to Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, Pa. There he met his future wife, Martha Ann Morgan, a daughter of Joseph Morgan, and in April, 1837, they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Subsequently he served congregations in the counties of Northampton, Berks and Lancaster, filling many of the principal pulpits. His active ministerial la-



bors were brought to a close at Brickerville, Lancaster County, some twenty years ago, when he removed to the city of Reading. While residing there, in 1872, death entered his happy home and in the early springtime removed his daughter, Emma M., who had just reached the years of womanhood; and, again, when the late October winds were sighing their farewell to the dying year, his beloved wife passed to her final rest in the beautiful mansion above. The light and love of home were now gone, and in the spring of 1873 Rev. Harpel went to Philadelphia and made his home with his brother, David. Soon, however, he desired to be with his children, and the latter years of his life were spent in visiting them, making his home with his son, Dr. M. H. Harpel, of Shamokin. There he passed the closing days of a noble, useful life, and fell asleep in the early morning of November 16, 1892. He was laid to rest at the Charles Evans Cemetery, in the city of Reading.

Nine children, five sons and four daughters, survived Rev. Mark Harpel and mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate father: Dr. Marcus Howard of Shamokin; Dr. E. Newton of Philadelphia, now deceased, who resided at the corner of Broad and Morris streets; Dr. Francis E. of Danville; Dr. George W. of Mount Carmel; Prof. William F., superintendent of the public schools of Shamokin, a sketch of whose life will be found elsewhere in this volume; Mrs. Amanda L. Cornish; Mary A.; Mrs. Flora V. Thomas of Philadelphia; and Mrs. Martha C. Studenroth of Lexington, Pa.

On July 2, 1868, Dr. Marcus Howard Harpel was united in marriage with Mary A. Haas, and they are the parents of the following children: Edward Francis, a practicing physician of Shamokin; Flora L., who is at

home, being actively engaged as secretary for her uncle, Prof. William F. Harpel, and who took a full course of medicine, studying under her father; William Luther, a graduate of Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia; Frederick Theodore, who was a member of the 8th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., during the war between the United States and Spain, and received an honorable discharge November 10, 1898, and has resumed his studies in Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he will graduate in the spring of 1900; and Howard Mark, a student of law in the college at Carlisle, Pa.

Dr. Harpel also has two adopted children, Lily and Nellie Haas, children of his wife's brother. Our subject is a man of broad and liberal ideas, not bound by the edicts of any sect, clan, or party in social, political or religious matters, and is very popular.

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**W**ILLIAM B. FAUST, an attorney-at-law, who has built up a very lucrative practice in his chosen profession at Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Pa., was born in Reading, Berks County, Pa., August 5, 1853. He is a son of Samuel and Margaretta (Miller) Faust.

The father of our subject was a hatter by trade. When the subject of this sketch was ten years old his father moved to Philadelphia, and in August, 1863, removed to Sunbury, Northumberland County, where he died in January, 1888.

William B. Faust received his primary education in public and private schools. He entered Mercersburg College, Franklin County, in 1869, remaining there until 1873, successfully completing a preparatory course. In 1873 Mr. Faust entered the Franklin & Mar-



shall College at Lancaster, Pa., where he remained for a year. In 1875 he began the study of law, the profession he had determined to adopt, reading under the direction of A. N. Brice, a well-known attorney of Sunbury, Pa., and he was admitted to the bar of the county June 8, 1877. He remained with Mr. Brice until September, 1878, when he removed to Mount Carmel, which place he has since made his home.

Mr. Faust is a member of the F. & A. M., and is also an active Odd Fellow. In politics he is a Republican and was a delegate to the National Convention of his party in 1896 which nominated William McKinley as its candidate for president. So closely has our subject devoted his energies to his profession he has never been a seeker after office, although he has been energetic in behalf of those who have sought public honors. Personally Mr. Faust is a most genial companion, a very energetic man in every movement which is calculated to benefit either his profession or the borough in which he resides.

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**J**OSEPH H. CATTERALL, superintendent of the American Car & Foundry Company's Rolling Mills at Berwick, Columbia County, Pa., a gentleman who is held in the highest esteem by his fellow-workmen, was born in Bolton, England, October 6, 1861, and is a son of Ralph C. H. and Caroline (Reid) Catterall, and grandson of Joseph and Alice (Kirkman) Catterall.

Joseph Catterall, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bolton, England. When young he learned the trade of a machinist, which he followed all of his life. He immigrated to this country and settled in Fall River, Mass., where he spent the remainder of his life. He passed from this life at the

age of seventy-six years. He was united in marriage with Alice Kirkman, who was also a native of England.

Ralph C. H. Catterall, the father of our subject, was born in Bolton, England, and came to the United States in 1869, locating at Fall River, Mass. He prepared himself for the ministry in England, and preached in Fall River for a number of years, but devoted the greater part of his life to the ministry in this state, where he is widely known. Retiring, he moved to Wyoming, Pa., where he is now spending the declining years of his life. He chose for his life companion Caroline Reid, and they reared a family of five children: Joseph H., the subject of this review; Ralph C. H., a professor in the University of Chicago; William H., an engineer and assistant superintendent of the American Car and Foundry Company's Rolling Mill at Berwick; Alfred H., a prominent physician residing in Chicago, Ill.; and George H., who is now attending college.

Joseph H. Catterall in 1880 moved to the town of Berwick, Columbia County, and was employed in the erecting shop of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company; later he was employed in the rolling mills, where he afterwards acted as clerk. Having proved himself a reliable and competent workman, in 1890 he was promoted to the superintendency of the rolling mills, and has retained that position up to the present time. The mills were built in 1872 and comprise four trains of rolls, one a nine-inch, one a twelve-inch, and two eighteen-inch trains. The mill is located at the corner of West Third and Oak streets, and 325 men are employed in this department. The entire plant of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company passed into the hands of the American Car & Foundry Company March 1, 1899.





ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY GEARHART.

Mr. Catterall formed a matrimonial alliance with Jennie Frantz, a daughter of Emanuel Frantz, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and they are the parents of two children: Anna, born August 5, 1884; and Joseph H., born January 25, 1891. Our subject has purchased the Opdike residence, which he has remodeled and transformed into a handsome home. Mr. and Mrs. Catterall are both regular members of the Baptist Church of Berwick. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.; the Knights of Malta; College of the Ancients; and also of the Royal Arcanum. In political views he is an adherent to Republican principles, and has served as auditor; in the town council, of which body he was elected president; and as a county committeeman. Mr. Catterall is a valued citizen of his community, is upright in his dealings, and is faithful in the discharge of all duties devolving upon him.

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ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY GEARHEART, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, the popular station agent of the D., L. & W. R. R., and one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Danville, was born in Danville, July 26, 1846, and is a son of Bonham R. and Elizabeth S. (Boyd) Gearheart, grandson of George Gearheart, and great-grandson of Capt. Jacob Gearheart.

The great-grandfather of our subject, born in Germany, immigrated to this country prior to the Revolutionary War, and located in the state of New Jersey in what is now known as Hunterdon County. As he had many friends in Eastern Pennsylvania he sold his property and with his family moved to Northumberland County by means of horses and

wagons, encountering many difficulties and hardships on the way. Upon reaching the farm now owned by William F. Gearhart the party stopped to rest in a deserted log-cabin which stood there; upon examination they found the land very fertile and at once decided to locate there; Mr. Gearhart purchased land and, being an industrious worker, made money rapidly and, as his means justified, he purchased more land from time to time until he owned 500 acres. With the aid of his sons he set about clearing his purchase and built the frame house in which William F. Gearhart now resides, which was erected over one hundred years ago and the house is still in good condition. He set out an orchard which was completely destroyed in 1846 by a hail storm. He was a man of strong constitution which has been one of the characteristics of the family up to the present time. He lived to old age as did his wife, Catherine Kline. He was the father of the following children: Jacob, born in 1763, died aged seventy-eight years; Herman, born in 1765, died aged seventy years; William, who died in 1854 at the age of seventy-eight years; George, the grandfather of our subject; Tunis; John, died in 1858 aged seventy years; Charles, born in 1783, died aged eighty years; Isaac; Catherine; Mary; and Betsey.

The beautiful farm of 200 acres located one mile from Riverside, along the bank of the Susquehanna River, was the property of George Gearhart, the grandfather of our subject, it being a present from his father. He resided there throughout his entire life, following the pursuits of an agriculturist; his farm is now a part of South Danville. He was twice married, his first wife being Achie Runyan, who died young, leaving the following children: Bonham R.; Benjamin; Eliza; and Rebecca. His second marriage was with



Phoebe Lutt, by whom he reared three children, namely: Achie, George, and Herman.

Bonham R. Gearhart, our subject's father, was born on his father's homestead, and, after attaining a liberal education in the common schools of that township, entered Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, graduating therefrom before he attained his majority. Prior to his locating in Danville, he practiced his profession at Washingtonville, Turbotville, and Sunbury; he was regarded as one of the most skilful and successful physicians and surgeons of Montour County. He passed from this life, aged forty-two years, the cause of his death being pneumonia. His wife was Elizabeth S. Boyd, a daughter of William Boyd, a resident of Danville. She is now past her eighty-second year and is enjoying fairly good health. Her children were: Achie, deceased; William B.; George Mc.; a daughter who died in infancy; Bonham R.; James B.; Jasper B.; our subject; and M. Grier.

Alexander Montgomery Gearhart attended school until he was fourteen years of age and then began his business career as a newsboy on the railroad; later he became freight agent on the Catawissa R. R. at Danville; subsequently he was employed in the D., L. & W. R. R. freight office of that borough, and in 1869 became clerk, in which capacity he remained four years, when he was promoted to his present position, succeeding William Rote.

Our subject served six years on the school board and was its treasurer for thirteen years; three years marked his service in the town council, one year as president. He is now treasurer of Danville Lodge, No. 127, I. O. H. Mr. Gearhart was wedded to Martha Y. McCoy, a daughter of Robert McCoy, a native of Northumberland County, Pa. Mr.

McCoy was a carpenter by trade who came to Danville when a young man and carried on contracting many years, building some of the best business blocks and dwellings in the city. He erected the G. M. Shoop mansion; Conklin Block; Schultz Block; and many other buildings in the surrounding towns. He died in 1886 aged sixty-three years; his wife was Eleanor Vorise, a daughter of James Vorise, and she died in 1892 at an advanced age. They were the parents of the following children: Martha, the wife of our subject; Margaret, the wife of B. F. Rumbaugh; John B., of Danville; Samuel A., also a resident of Danville; Jennie, who married W. F. Jacobs; Arthur, deceased; and James, William, Annie, and Sally, who died in youth.

Our subject and wife have reared two children: Nell Bonham married William L. McClure, teller of the First National Bank of Danville, and they are the parents of two children, Harold Russell and Donald Armstrong; and Jasper Greenleaf, who died aged four years. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart reside in a handsome house on Market street, which our subject purchased from Thomas Reaves.

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**T**HOMAS SANGER, one of the most prominent men and highly respected citizens of Mount Carmel, Pa., is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Brown) Sanger, and was born November 24, 1869, at Girardville, Schuylkill County, Pa.

Thomas Sanger, the father of our subject, was a native of the parish of Gernoe, Cornwall County, England, and was born in 1842. He was the only son and great care was taken in bringing him up. His father was a Methodist minister and he died when Thomas was but five years old, leaving the family in

strained circumstances. Therefore Thomas was obliged to begin work at an early age, going into the Great Work tin mine, where he remained until he was nineteen years old. He then decided to try his luck in the United States, and set sail for this country in 1861, landing in New York City. A miner by occupation, he immediately sought the mining regions, and was successful in securing work at Beaver Meadows, under the employ of T. Gertz, remaining there a short time. His next move was to Stockton, Schuylkill County, where he hired out with a man named Paul Quick. They soon became firm friends and, wishing to better their condition, decided to move to Locust Gap, and later went to Dark Corner, working at Anderson's Colliery. In May, 1866, they went to California, and then Mr. Sanger worked his way to Virginia City, Nevada, where he obtained the position of overlooker in a gold mine, under the supervision of William Locke. After three years in that city he returned East and located at Waterloo, N. J., where, shortly after his arrival there, he married a daughter of William Brown of Belleville, N. J. After a few months he went to Girardville, Schuylkill County, Pa., and worked in the colliery of Beatty & Garretson for five years, when he accepted the position of inside-boss at the colliery of the Messrs. Heaton, at Raven Run, Schuylkill County, and continued there until he was murdered, September 1, 1875, by Mollie Maguires, who were afterward hung for the crime at Pottsville, Pa. The murderers were Thomas Monday, Friday O'Donnell, James McAlister and Michael Doyle.

Mr. Sanger always gave the greatest satisfaction to his employers and was highly respected in the community. He was a man of generosity and he never failed to remember the mother across the sea, always sending her

part of his earnings. He was an Odd Fellow and a Free Mason. Mr. Sanger's wife was married first to Pierce Oliver, and by him were born two children, namely: Emma, the wife of William Wragg, outside-foreman at the Hickory Ridge Colliery; and Mary E., wife of William R. Pratt of Shenandoah. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanger were as follows: Thomas Sanger, the subject of this biography; Annie, wife of David Bodine of Plainfield, N. J.; Johanna, wife of John E. Pratt of Philadelphia; and Gertrude. Mrs. Sanger's third husband was Paul Quick, now deceased.

Thomas Sanger, the subject of this sketch, was educated at Girard College, Philadelphia, and after leaving college entered the employ of J. B. Lippincott & Co., as stock-clerk, remaining with them for one and one-half years, when he went to Delano and engaged as draughtsman for six years for the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. He then became draughtsman for Goyne Bros., manufacturers of pumps at Ashland, and remained there two years, when he entered the employ of the Mount Carmel Iron Works in 1897 as draughtsman, and remained in that capacity until February 11, 1899, when he was promoted to the position of superintendent of the works.

Politically Mr. Sanger is a firm Republican and takes an active interest in the politics of the county. He is chairman of the Republican standing committee of Mount Carmel. Our subject is a member of several fraternal orders, including the Knights of Malta at Mount Carmel; Jr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 874 at Mount Carmel, also of the national and state body, being a delegate to the national conventions, having served five years, attending the various meetings throughout the country; also a member of the P. O. S. of A.

He is president of the Citizens' Hook & Ladder Company, having been one of the organizers.

Mr. Sanger married, May 10, 1893, Jennie Louisa Williams, a daughter of John L. Williams, and they have been blessed with two children, Ethel Vivian and Thomas. Mr. Sanger is a man of splendid principles and strictest integrity, and is always willing to assist in anything which is for the good of the people.

ALFRED NEVIN YOST stands foremost among the worthy men of Columbia County as an energetic, able and upright attorney, a courteous gentleman, and a kind neighbor and friend. He was born in Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, August 23, 1855, and is a son of David and Sarah Catherine (Creveling) Yost, grandson of Samuel and Esther (Winters) Yost, great-grandson of Henry and Margaret (Rickert) Yost, and great-great-grandson of John and Molly (Krause) Yost.

The father of John was a native of Germany who immigrated to America and located in Chester County, Pa., where he was engaged in the cultivation of the soil. John Yost, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Chester County and later settled in Pottstown, Montgomery County, Pa., and followed the vocation of an agriculturist all his life. He was twice wedded; his first wife was Molly Krause who bore him a family of five children, namely: Henry, Philly, Samuel, Elizabeth, and Mary; his second marriage was to Miss Seivel and the following children were born to them: John, Jacob, Catherine, Rachel, and Sarah. Henry Yost, the great-grandfather of our subject, was one of the

pioneer farmers of Roaring Creek township, Columbia County; he was also engaged in the tannery business for about seven years. Later in life he moved to Conyngham township, Luzerne County, where he carried on general farming the rest of his active days. He was joined in wedlock to Margaret Rickert and the following children blessed their home: Susan, Elizabeth, John, Solomon, Henry, Mary, and Samuel. Mr. Yost passed from this life in 1862 at the age of eighty-seven years; his wife died in 1862 aged eighty-five years.

Samuel Yost, grandfather of our subject, was born in Roaring Creek township, Columbia County, June 13, 1805, and during his younger days he learned the trade of a carpenter and cabinet-maker, which trade he followed in the vicinity of Conyngham and Hazleton until 1842, when he purchased a farm in Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, Pa., and successfully carried on general farming until 1866; he then retired from active work and spent the remainder of his life quietly enjoying a well-earned competency. His demise occurred in 1894 at the age of eighty-nine years. The old homestead is now in possession of his grandsons, George, Clarence, and our subject. In December, 1826, Mr. Yost was united in marriage to Esther Winters, who passed from this life aged sixty years. She left the following children: Margaret, wife of G. M. Howell; Sarah, who married William Lunderbauch; Mary, who was twice wedded,—her first husband was Nathan Pennington, and after his death she married Nathan Dreisbach; and David, the father of our subject. Mr. Yost married for his second wife Mrs. Henrietta Hartman. He was a very prominent man of his community and held many township offices; in religious views he was a believer in and a



member of the Reformed Church and was deacon and elder of that church for many years.

David Yost, the father of our subject, was born in Conyngham, Luzerne County, Pa., December 13, 1830, and was reared upon his father's farm in Fishing Creek township, and when he attained his majority carried on farming for some years. Later he bought the John Creveling farm, where he has successfully carried on agricultural pursuits to the present time. Mr. Yost always works for the betterment of the community and is held in high esteem throughout the county. In 1884 he was appointed justice of the peace to fill a vacancy and was later elected to the same office for a term of five years. He was the first superintendent of the Sabbath School of the Reformed Church of Van Camp, of which he is a member and is at present elder of the same. In 1887 he represented his church at the general synod held at Akron, Ohio. Our subject's father was united in marriage to Sarah Catherine Creveling, a daughter of John Creveling, a farmer of Columbia County. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Yost: Alfred N., born August 23, 1855; Mary Alice, born September 17, 1857, was the wife of Noah W. Hess; Clarence Wilbur, born September 9, 1859, wedded Ida De Witt and they reside on the old homestead; John C., born February 18, 1862; George D., born August 14, 1864, united in wedlock to Alice Hayman, and he is a blacksmith by trade and resides in Benton, Pa.; Bruce C., born June 30, 1866, a lumberman residing in the state of Washington; Dora Esther, born February 2, 1870, resides at home; and Samuel, born September 23, 1878.

Alfred Nevin Yost attended the primary schools and then took an academic course in the Orangeville Seminary; later he attended

the State Normal School at Bloomsburg. He then taught in the high schools at Wilkesbarre and Plymouth, Luzerne County, and later became a law student under Judge E. R. Ikeler and was admitted to the bar in 1884. Since then he has been practicing law at Bloomsburg. He served as deputy sheriff in 1885-86; as treasurer of Bloomsburg; secretary of the Columbia County Agricultural Association for six years; and as secretary of the local building and loan association. Mr. Yost is a man possessed of great energy and will power, the elements of character which have carried him to the front in business circles.

Our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Bessie J. Holmes, a daughter of W. O. Holmes of Bloomsburg. They were happily wedded December 15, 1897, and now reside in their new home, corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets.

**R**E. STAGER, a much esteemed citizen of Shamokin, Pa., and outside-foreman at the Luke Fidler Colliery, was born May 28, 1853, in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of Abraham and Jane (McQuay) Stager, and grandson of Henry Stager. Our subject's grandfather, a native of Chester County, Pa., removed to Schuylkill County and settled near Schuylkill Haven, at Orwigsburg, being one of the early settlers of that locality.

Abraham Stager, our subject's father, was born July 10, 1822, near Schuylkill Haven, and was educated in the schools of his native place. At an early age he engaged in the coal mining business near Schuylkill Haven and in 1867 removed to Carbon County. He was first in the employ of the Star Coal Company of Schuylkill County, and then went to



Audenried, Carbon County. His first position of prominence and responsibility was as assistant outside-foreman at Audenried for the Honey Brook Coal Company, which shortly afterwards became a property of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company; he continued as foreman in the colliery for a period of about thirty years, when he began to feel the infirmities of age and decided to retire from active labor. He has now been living in retirement only two or three years. His family consists of his wife and three children.

R. E. Stager, our subject, received his education in the common schools and at the early age of thirteen years made a beginning in the work of supporting himself by picking slate at Audenried, Carbon County, where he worked about the mines and also ran a stationary engine until he was eighteen. He first became an assistant outside-foreman at Audenried, and then resigned, but soon returned. In August, 1897, he became outside-foreman of the Luke Fidler Colliery, under the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, with which concern he has since remained.

Mr. Stager is a member of Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., at Audenried.

**D**EWART FAMILY. The American branch of this distinguished family, which has furnished Northumberland County with some of its most illustrious sons, is descended from William Dewart, a native of Ireland who came to America in early colonial times. He first located in Chester County, Pa., where he remained until 1775, when he removed to Sunbury and embarked in mercantile business. He was one of the first merchants of what is now one of the liveliest and most thrifty towns of its size

in the state. He continued in business in Sunbury until his death, November 14, 1814.

One of William Dewart's sons, Lewis Dewart, was born in Sunbury November 14, 1780, and during his youth assisted his father in conducting his mercantile business. Although he was very successful in business, it was in political circles that he attained his greatest prominence. He was one of the leading Democrats of this section of the state, and figured conspicuously in the doings of the Democratic party. At the age of thirty-six years he was elected to the State Assembly, and in 1823 he was elected to the State Senate; in 1834 he was again elected to the Assembly, serving as representative for three terms, during the latter of which he acted as Speaker of the House. He was also elected to the 23d Congress from what is now the Seventeenth Congressional District and acquitted himself with credit. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Elizabeth Liggett, a native of Chester County, Pa., by whom he had one son, William L. Dewart.

William L. Dewart was born in Sunbury, June 21, 1820, and, after completing the required course in the common schools, attended Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., and later the New Jersey State College of Princeton, N. J. He then took up the study of law under the preceptorship of Charles G. Donald of Sunbury and was admitted to the bar in 1843. Like his father, he attained distinction in politics and several times served as a delegate to national conventions of the Democratic party. He represented the Seventeenth Congressional District in the 25th Congress and served his constituents in a highly satisfactory manner. He, as were his forefathers, was an adherent of the doctrines as promulgated by the Presbyterian Church. He was a director in the Northumberland National

Bank, now known as the First National Bank of Sunbury. Socially he was well known in the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Dewart was united in the holy bonds of wedlock in 1848, with Rosetta Espy Van Horn of Williamsport, Pa., and they became the parents of three sons and two daughters, three of whom are living at the present time: Lewis, whose personal history is herein recorded; William L., the editor and proprietor of the Northumberland County Democrat and the Sunbury Daily; and Bessie S., the wife of Edward L. Brice, a resident of Washington, D. C. Mr. Dewart closed his eyes in final sleep in the town of Sunbury, April 19, 1888, at the age of sixty-eight years.

LEWIS DEWART, a leading member of the Northumberland County Bar, was born in Sunbury May 6, 1849. He received all the education that the common schools offered and then took a preparatory course at Columbia, Pa., and at Edge Hill. After this he entered Princeton College and was graduated in the class of 1872. Choosing the legal profession as his life work, he entered the law office of Judge Jordan, with whom he read law until he was admitted to the bar in 1874. The standing which the young attorney quickly acquired may be appreciated by the fact that in the following year he was made borough clerk and in 1877 was elected to the responsible position of district attorney of Northumberland County. He has since been engaged in active practice in Sunbury, and, having received a thorough preparation and having mental abilities and a natural bent of the kind most useful to a successful lawyer, our subject has attained both prosperity and influence. Shrewd, alert, and farseeing, he is an advocate in whom men trust and an antagonist whom they combat with caution. He is a

gentleman of wide range of experience, and in the financial field, in which he is an important factor, he brings to bear the same thorough and methodical ways which stand him in such good stead in his profession. Politically Mr. Dewart is an influential Democrat. He has been a delegate to county, district, state and national conventions, having been a delegate to the convention that nominated Grover Cleveland for the presidency in 1892. Socially he is a member of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M. Mr. Dewart is one of the representative men of Sunbury and takes an important part in the general councils of the best citizens in matters pertaining to the welfare of the community and the general prosperity of the town.

JAMES C. DEININGER, assistant chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, is one of the most respected citizens of the village of Sonestown, Pa., and is a man of many sterling qualities. The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this narrative is of German origin and was born at Millheim, Center County, Pa., May 7, 1873, and is a son of Augustus O. and Hannah (Hoover) Deininger, and a grandson of Emanuel Deininger.

Our subject's grandfather was born in Germany, and while a young man removed to the United States, settling in Philadelphia, where he remained a number of years, when he became a resident of Center County, Pa. While residing in his native country he was a teacher of languages and pursued that profession to some extent in this country. He was united in matrimonial bonds with Miss Ovenland and they became the parents of five children, who were named as follows: Christian F., who was a prominent minister and

presided in the pulpit of the Evangelical Church for a period of nearly fifty years; Mary, who was the wife of Jacob Keen; Benjamin O., proprietor and editor of the Millheim Journal, and one of the trustees of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.; Jonathan O.; and Augustus O. Our subject's paternal grandfather passed away at the age of nearly eighty years, while his grandmother died aged sixty-five years.

Augustus O. Deininger, father of our subject, was born in Philadelphia, and when he reached manhood, as the Civil War was in progress, he enlisted in Company A, 148th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war. After peace had been restored he accepted a position in the War Department at Washington, D. C., in which capacity he remained about eighteen months; he then entered the marble business at Millheim, Center County, Pa., from which business he retired to enter the revenue service. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Hannah Hoover, and to this union a family of seven children was born.

James C. Deininger, our subject, received his primary education in the public schools of his native town, which was later supplemented by a course in the high school at Hughesville, Pa. Upon leaving school he accepted a position with the W. & N. B. R. R., working in the freight department; later he was promoted to the passenger service as baggage-master and conductor, and while working in that capacity made his home at Nordmont, Pa. In 1894 he severed his connection with the railroad company to engage with M. W. Botsford in the manufacture of cigars, from which business he retired a year later and removed to Sonestown, Pa. In 1895 he accepted a clerkship in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and in February, 1898, he was

promoted to his present position as assistant chief-clerk. In June, 1898, he was appointed one of the commissioners to represent Pennsylvania at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, held at Omaha, Neb.

Our subject is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 299 of Muncy, Pa., in which he takes much interest. Mr. Deininger holds the interests of Sullivan County much at heart and is held in high esteem by a large circle of acquaintances in every section of Sullivan County.

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JOHN HOWELLS has for several months held the responsible position of inside-foreman at the Hickory Ridge Colliery, and he has performed his duties in such an able and commendable manner that he has won the esteem and good will of his employers as well as of his fellow workmen. He has had a thorough training in mining affairs, having followed that business all his life. Mr. Howells is a native of England, having been born in South Wales, near the town of Tenby, September 28, 1861. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Nicholas) Howells, never cared to come to America, and our subject made his home with them until he was twenty-one years of age. They had the following children: William, George, John, Adah, Lewis, Thomas, Sarah, Benjamin, and Elizabeth. In religious belief they were faithful members of the Baptist Church.

At the age of ten years Mr. Howells began working around the mines, continuing until he immigrated to America in 1883, when he located in Coal township and began work as a laborer around the mines, later becoming a miner. He was then promoted to the position of fire-boss and so faithfully filled his po-







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sition that he was again promoted to assistant inside foreman, and in March, 1898, he accepted the position of inside-foreman. His entire attention is given to mining business in which he has been very successful.

Politically Mr. Howells is an unswerving Republican and takes an active interest in all of the affairs of that party. He is also ever ready to assist in all matters which tend to advance the welfare of the community. He was joined in wedlock with Alice Thomas, a daughter of William Thomas, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Thomas; William, deceased; Edith May; Earl; Benjamin Norman; and an infant. Socially our subject is a member of Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 125, I. O. O. F. of Shamokin, Pa.; and Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.

GEORGE E. BROWN. Among the well known residents of Elkland township, Sullivan County, Pa., none have met with greater success in the prosecution of that independent calling, farming, than the gentleman whose name appears above, and whose portrait appears on a preceding page. He is a son of Archeless and Sarah (Harris) Brown, and was born in Fox township, Sullivan County, November 4, 1846.

His great-grandfather Brown lived in Massachusetts all of his life. He reared a family of two children, namely: Aaron and Samuel, both of whom came to New Albany, Bradford County, Pa., in the year 1812. Samuel bought a farm there and lived upon it the remainder of his life.

Aaron Brown, the grandfather of our subject, lived at New Albany until about 1824, when he moved to Fox township, Sullivan

County, where he followed farming the remainder of his life. He married Annie Luce, a daughter of Archeless Luce, who came from Massachusetts with him, and they were the parents of the following children: Archeless; John M., who married Debby Wilcox; Dency, who married George Norton; Samuel, who married Mary Wilcox; Sophrona, the wife of Latney Porter; Allsbury, who married Sallie Wilcox; William, who married Angeline Warburton; Aaron, who married Nancy Wilcox; and Harriet, who married Jewett Spencer.

Archeless Brown, the oldest child born to his parents, was born near New Albany, Bradford County, Pa., and came with his father to what was called the William's Settlement, Fox township, Sullivan County, Pa., in the year 1824. Some years after he bought a farm in Fox township, which is now owned by his son, Murry, and there followed the pursuits of an agriculturist throughout his life. Politically he was a firm supporter of the Democratic party. He was a man greatly esteemed for his high character and had many friends. His property consisted of a farm of 100 acres. He was the progenitor of the following children: Peter, who married Susan Mills; Hannah, who married Frederick Anderson; William; George E.; Sylvester, who married Harriet Brown; Maria, who became the wife of William Bagley; Reuben, who married Manthia Morgan; Chandler, who married Jane Morgan; Rosette; Rosilla, who married George Bryan; Almeda, who married James Bagley; Saloma, the wife of Allen Rightmire; Murry, who married Matilda Baltin; and Judson.

George E. Brown, our subject, was also reared to agricultural pursuits and about fifteen years ago bought 200 acres of land in Elkland township, moving thereon with his family a short time afterwards. He has since

made that his home and has been one of the good substantial men of the community. About seven years ago, he added 100 acres to the original purchase, securing it of Mr. F. Wells, but he later sold 40 acres of the first purchase to John Bryan, Esq. At the time of making the original purchase about 125 acres had been cleared, but only 40 acres were in a fit state for cultivation. He has not only greatly improved the soil, but the buildings as well, having erected a fine, modern farm house, and large roomy barns, which are always one of the main essentials of successful farming. He also carries on lumbering to a certain extent.

Mr. Brown was first united in marriage with Lucretia A. Snell, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Bryan) Snell, and they had two children: Thomas, deceased; and Frank L. He formed a second alliance with Emma A. Little, a daughter of Daniel and Annie (Cayless) Little. Politically he is a Republican, whilst in his religious views he is inclined to be liberal.

**H**IRAM W. BOWER, who is engaged in contracting in masonry and plastering work, is one of the enterprising and successful business men of the borough of Berwick. He is a son of William and Sarah (Stephens) Bower, and was born in Center township, Columbia County, Pa., March 11, 1854.

Michael Bower, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Saxony, Germany, and came to this country at the age of thirteen years. After his marriage he located in Kutztown, Berks County, but later came to Columbia County, and the family has since been closely identified with the county's growth and development. It was in the latter

part of the last century that Michael came to Columbia County and purchased a small clearing in Briarcreek township and became one of the substantial agriculturists of that community. He also cleared a 120 acre tract, which is now owned by John Fester. His wife's maiden name was Hill and they reared the following children: Jacob; Michael; Solomon; Daniel, the father of Francis W. Bower, of Berwick; Philena; Catherine; and Abraham, the grandfather of our subject.

Abraham Bower was born in Kutztown, Berks County, and was a young man when he came with his father to Briarcreek township. He learned the trade of a mason, but after his marriage he bought a farm which he operated, although he still made masonry his chief means of support. He was united in marriage to Helen Remley, a daughter of Michael and Susan Remley of Berks County, but later of Columbia County, and they were the parents of the following children: Samuel, deceased; Phebe, whose first union was with Daniel Miller, and second with Abraham Culp; Elizabeth, who married Caleb Fowler; William, the father of our subject; Abraham, who died young; Susanna, who also died in infancy; Lavina, who married George Johnson; Catherine, the wife of Thomas Evans; Ellen, deceased; Rev. Aaron, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now retired; Hiram, who is living in retirement at Berwick; and Matilda, who also married George Johnson, becoming his second wife. In political belief Mr. Bower was a stanch Democrat and served his town as supervisor and school director. He passed into the unknown beyond at the age of seventy-eight years and his worthy wife died at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

William Bower, the father of our subject, was born in Center township, Columbia

County, April 27, 1818, and with his father learned the trade of a mason and plasterer. He followed that trade for about forty years, the latter of which were spent in Berwick where he erected a fine home on Fifth street. After passing a long and useful life he folded his hands in final rest, April 12, 1897. Religiously he was an adherent to the doctrines promulgated in the Union Evangelical Church. He and Sarah Stephens took the marriage vows and their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Flora Delilah, who married Dr. M. E. Brown and is a resident of Seattle, Wash.; John S., born March 16, 1844, and died February 16, 1853; Lavina, born April 19, 1846, is the wife of G. P. Stiner of Orangeville; Emeline, born February 5, 1848, is the wife of George Herring of Orangeville; Catherine, the wife of William F. Kline of Kansas, born December 30, 1849; Elizabeth, deceased, born March 9, 1852, and married A. Kisner; Hiram W., the subject of this personal history; Mary N., who was born March 3, 1856, and died August 23, 1877; Elwood, born December 26, 1858; Ida, who died in infancy; Isaac Scott, who was born February 12, 1862, and is a resident of Salina, Kans.; Sarah M., born May 3, 1864; and Eva May, born August 5, 1867, who married Wesley Cool of Nanticoke, Pa. Mrs. Bower passed to her eternal rest March 18, 1888, aged sixty-seven years, one month, and twenty-two days.

Hiram W. Bower attended the public schools until he was nineteen years of age, and then he learned the trade of a mason and plasterer. In 1878 he moved to Ellsworth, Kas., and after spending a year at his trade there, returned home. He soon after went to Nanticoke, where he clerked in the grocery store conducted by George O. Weliver, but being fond of travel and favorably

impressed with Kansas on his first trip there, he decided to return to that state. After clerking there for some time he received an appointment as detective on the Union Pacific Railroad and during his service in that capacity he had several narrow escapes and thrilling experiences which were enough to test the bravery of any man. He performed the duties faithfully and was rewarded by a position in the general offices at Wallace, Kans., where he learned telegraphy. Later he was advanced to foreman of the mason, constructing and building department of two divisions extending from Brookville to Denver, a distance of some four hundred and thirty-nine miles. In 1882 he returned to his home in Berwick in order to enter the realms of matrimony, and has since made that borough his home. He has since been engaged in contracting in masonry and plastering. He has had years of experience in that line of business and has had the contract for many of the largest buildings in his section of the county. He has done the masonry and plastering on the following buildings: The opera house of Berwick, the beautiful residence of C. R. Woodin of Berwick Heights, the wheel foundry of the Jackson & Woodin Company, and the residence of J. W. Evans, and many of the residences of Berwick and vicinity. Mr. Bower's honesty in dealing with others has never been questioned and he is firmly established in the good-will and friendship of his fellow-citizens.

On January 3, 1882, our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Hattie Sult, a daughter of James Sult of Berwick, and their happy union has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Odell S., who was born in Salem township, Luzerne County, September 3, 1883; Randall, born in Berwick in December, 1884; Blanche, born October



24, 1886; Ralph, born May 17, 1888; one who died in infancy; Arthur, deceased, born February 7, 1891; Martha, born June 24, 1892; and Lewis, born November 18, 1893. In religious attachments, the family are Methodists. Our subject is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A.; past chief of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; past commander of the Knights of Malta; and a member of Bloomsburg Lodge, No. 436, Elks.

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**H**OWARD D. AVERY is prominently identified with the cultivation of the soil in Sullivan County, Pa., and is the owner of a handsome farm located near Eagles Mere, in Shrewsbury township. He was born in Sullivan County, N. Y., April 4, 1839, and is a son of John F. and Hannah (Lukins) Avery.

John F. Avery was born in Plainfield County, Conn., from which place he moved to Sullivan County, N. Y., where for six years he followed his trade as a watchmaker, jeweler and silversmith; he then became a resident of Wayne County, Pa., where he worked at his trade several years, but was obliged to give it up on account of his eyesight failing him. Farming then became his occupation, which he successfully continued until his death, which was in the fall of 1872. He was married to Hannah Lukins, a native of Philadelphia, and she passed from this life at Scranton, Pa., in the fall of 1894. This union resulted in the birth of eight children, as follows: Mary, who is the widow of H. W. Mitchell and resides in Americus, Kans.; John T., who died in Minnesota in 1874; Addie, the widow of Thomas Young, who now resides in LeRoy, Minn.; Frank H., who died

in Minnesota in 1885; Howard D., our subject; Linnie, the wife of R. Y. Mitchell of Findlay, Ohio; Nellie, joined in marriage with H. P. Woodward, an editor residing at Scranton, Pa.; and Richard L., who lives at Chicago, Ill.

Howard D. Avery attended the district schools and remained under the parental roof until the breaking out of the Civil War, when, on September 6, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, 84th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., serving under Cols. Bowman and M. Opp and Capt. John R. Ross of Wayne County. This company took part in all the engagements of the Army of the Potomac, which included the notable battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, and Petersburg, Va., and was close to Gen. Lee when that famous soldier surrendered. After peace had been restored our subject received an honorable discharge at Harrisburg, Pa., June 5, 1865. Returning to his home in Wayne County he began tilling the soil, remaining there until 1873, when he removed to Sullivan County, and located on his present farm; with the exception of four years which were spent in farming in Morgan County, West Virginia, our subject has remained on his present farm up to the present time. He owns fifty rich and fertile acres of land and has made all the improvements himself, as when he first took possession of the land it was covered with a dense forest, that has since been entirely cleared away. Our subject is a hard-working man, is enterprising and industrious, and his duties to the public are performed in such a manner as to make him hosts of friends.

Mr. Avery, on August 27, 1862, wedded Victoria E. Mitchell, born in Wayne County, Pa., June 7, 1841, and a daughter of Rev. John T. and Elmira (Wheeler) Mitchell; her father was a Baptist minister and he and his wife are





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now deceased. Our subject and wife were blessed by the birth of four children, as follows: Howard E., who died aged twenty-three years; Laura E., died aged twelve years; Arthur L., a contractor, builder and painter at Williamsport, Pa., who was joined in marriage with Phoebe Roller; and Friend, who assists his brother at Williamsport, and also attends commercial school there. Politically Mr. Avery is a strong Prohibitionist; socially, he is a member of Simmons Post, G. A. R., of Sonestown; religiously, he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

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**L**INCOLN S. WALTER, an influential citizen of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Pa., whose recent portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a lawyer of recognized ability. He is a son of Solomon B. and Catherine (Mark) Walter, and was born in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland County, July 1, 1862. He is of Scotch descent and is a grandson of George Walter, a native of Scotland, who, upon coming to this country, located in Union County, Pa., where he lived until his death.

Solomon B. Walter, the father of our subject, was born in Union County in 1822 and resided there until he was twenty-two or twenty-three years of age, when he moved to Chillisquaque township. He was a man of superior educational attainments, being well versed in both the English and German languages, and taught school in Union County for a number of years. At the outbreak of the Civil War he offered his services in behalf of the Union but they were rejected on the ground of physical disability. He was deeply interested in politics, being a supporter of the Republican party, and he served for sev-

eral years as school director in his township. In religious attachments he was a member of the Evangelical Church. He was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock with Catherine Mark, who was born in 1827 and is now enjoying life at an advanced age; her father was of German ancestry and a well known resident of Snyder County. The union resulted in the following offspring: Cyrus F., a merchant of Lewisburg, Pa.; George M., a farmer of Chillisquaque township; Lincoln S., the subject of this personal sketch; Chester F., who is engaged in mercantile pursuits in Chillisquaque township; Mary, the wife of Abram Grove, a farmer of Union County; Lillian, the wife of Dr. G. W. Furey of Sunbury; Joanna, the wife of Rev. F. H. Shermer, a minister of the Baptist Church at Cape May Courthouse, N. J.; Lavina, who resides at home; and Maggie, deceased, who was the wife of Wesley U. Herr of Clinton County, Pa.

Lincoln S. Walter received his primary education in the public schools of Chillisquaque township, after which he entered Bucknell University, from which institution he was graduated in 1886, having completed a full classical course. After teaching school for two years in Pottsgrove Academy, he began to prepare for his chosen profession, that of law, entering the office of J. Nevin Hill of Sunbury. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1889, and at once located at Mount Carmel, where in a short time he rose to a position of prominence as a lawyer. Our subject is shrewd and possessed of more than an ordinary amount of energy and, having undertaken a case for his client, he fights it stubbornly to the end. His knowledge of the principles of law is extensive and he has the happy faculty of applying them to the intricate questions which arise in every-day business affairs. In politics Mr. Walter is affili-



ated with the Republican party and enters actively into the workings of that organization. He has been a delegate to state conventions and has been frequently called upon to place candidates in nomination.

On June 26, 1890, our subject was united in marriage with Carrie R. McNinch, a daughter of Samuel McNinch, who for many years was a leading citizen and tanner of Pottsgrove, and they are the parents of two sons: Mark M., born December 21, 1891; and Stuart M., born July 17, 1895. Fraternally our subject is a member of Washington Camp, No. 35, P. O. S. of A.; Lodge No. 256, B. P. O. E.; and the Commandery, Knights of Malta, having passed through all of the chairs, being at present past commander.

Mr. Walter was a passenger on the train which was wrecked on the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Dunellen, N. J., on January 9, 1899, and was seriously injured. He sustained a compound fracture of his left leg. Seventeen persons in the car in which Mr. Walter rode were killed, and Mr. Walter's escape from death appears almost miraculous.

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**S**AMUEL E. BERGSTRESSER is recognized as one of Mount Carmel's foremost and most progressive business men, being proprietor of a large hardware business and also being in the fire insurance business, representing several of the leading companies in the United States. He is a son of Samuel A. and Elizabeth (Case) Bergstresser, and was born in Elysburg, December 12, 1854.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of Elysburg and in the academy at

that place and also took a course in an Eastman National Business College, from which he graduated in the spring of 1873. He then worked as a clerk until the spring of 1875, and in August of that year he engaged in business with his father, the former having about five years previous removed to Mount Carmel and opened a hardware store. The business was unusually successful and our subject continued in it with his parent until 1882, when he branched out for himself, continuing the hardware line. He has since been actively engaged in that business and has made it one of the principal and largest mercantile interests of Mount Carmel. A handsome and substantial brick building on Oak street, 25x75 feet in dimensions and three stories high, is devoted entirely to the very large and the constantly increasing business which, under Mr. Bergstresser's able management, has grown to be one of the most important and one of the largest concerns in Northumberland County. In addition to his original business our subject also is agent for nine of the leading and most representative fire insurance companies in the country, and he annually places many thousands of dollars of fire insurance, so satisfactorily and promptly does he adjust losses and so reliable are the companies he represents. Mr. Bergstresser was one of the organizers of and is now a director in the First National Bank of Mount Carmel; is a director in the Mount Carmel Water Company, of which he was an original member; was an organizer of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of which he is treasurer; a director of the Citizens' Building & Loan Association of Mount Carmel; also a director of the Mount Carmel Iron Works.

Politically our subject long has been an ardent and an active Republican, although he never has cared to relax his attention to busi-

ness sufficiently to accept office, so frequently as he might have done. He has served twelve years continuously on the board of school directors of Mount Carmel, taking especial interest in school work and doing much to advance the schools to their present high position among the schools of this state.

Fraternally our subject is a prominent member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.; Griscomb Chapter No. 219, R. A. M., and Prince of Peace Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, of Ashland, Pa.; and a member of Washington Camp No. 231, P. O. S. of A., of Mount Carmel.

On May 4, 1879, Mr. Bergstresser was united in marriage to Clara Keeler, daughter of Ralph Keeler of Northumberland County, and to them have been born seven children: Elizabeth E.; James L.; Florence Ethel; Clara B.; John Walter; Catharine K.; and Samuel A.

The subject of this sketch, Samuel E. Bergstresser, comes of a family of pioneers in this state who lived useful and honorable lives in Eastern Pennsylvania, where they were among the earliest settlers. Samuel A. Bergstresser, the father of our subject, was born December 25, 1816, near Mifflinsburg, formerly in this county but now in Union County. He is a son of John and Ann (Auchmuty) Bergstresser. His paternal great-grandfather was John Jacob Bergstresser, a native of Germany, who came to this country in 1731 and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Subsequently, with his three brothers, he removed to Union County, where they were among the earliest settlers. The paternal grandfather of Samuel A. Bergstresser, Philip Bergstresser, was a native of Montgomery County, this state, was a farmer by avocation, and died in Union County. The father of Mr. Bergstresser and the paternal grandfather of

the subject of our sketch, John Bergstresser, was born in Union County, October 8, 1775, and resided in that county for a number of years. He removed to Dauphin County, Pa., where he died March 27, 1852. He was a millwright by trade and ran several saw and grist mills, building one at Fisher's Ferry in 1817, which he successfully operated for nine years. He served as captain of a company of American volunteers in the War of 1812. His wife, Ann Auchmuty, was a daughter of Samuel and Ann (McMahan) Auchmuty. Samuel Auchmuty was born near Selinsgrove, Pa., where he resided nearly all his life time. He served with the patriots in the War of the Revolution from 1776 to 1781. He was a private in Capt. Stephen Chambers' company of the 12th Regiment; was transferred to the 3d Regiment in July, 1778, and was discharged from the American Army January 25, 1781. John Bergstresser was the father of ten children, as follows: Jacob; William; Mary, wife of Joseph Shipman; John; Lot; Phebe, who became Mrs. Jonathan Hoffman; Samuel A., the father of our subject; Hannah, Mrs. Daniel Rumbarger; Asa; and Julia, Mrs. A. B. Sprout, all of whom are deceased excepting Samuel A. and Asa.

Samuel A. Bergstresser, the esteemed father of the subject of this review, came to Northumberland County with his parents in 1817. He received some education in a subscription school, but, as his father died when he was quite young, he was obliged early in his youth to "paddle his own canoe." He learned the trade of millwright of his father and followed it for about twelve years in the vicinity of his home. In 1847 he took his modest savings and went to Elysburg, where he entered into business, opening a general store, which he conducted very successfully until 1870, a period of twenty-three years. He

removed to Mount Carmel in 1870 and there engaged in general merchandising, soon possessing a large and very successful business. He continued as the active head of the business until 1873, when he practically retired, leaving the business in charge of his son, Samuel E., the subject of our sketch. In politics the father of our subject was originally a Whig, and naturally he was one of the organizers of the Republican party, with which he has been allied since its formation in 1856. In 1853-54 Mr. Bergstresser served as a member of the State Legislature for Northumberland County, and in 1860 he was a delegate in the Republican national convention at Chicago which nominated Lincoln for president. He has frequently served the borough as school director and councilman. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a member for over fifty years. He was one of the organizers of the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Carmel, which was organized July 10, 1887, being one of the first board of elders. He was a charter member of Elysburg Lodge No. 414, F. & A. M.; a member of Griscomb Chapter No. 219, R. A. M.; and Prince of Peace Commandery No. 39 of Ashland, Pa. The father of our subject has twice married. He first won as his bride Elizabeth Case, daughter of John Case of Montour County, Pa. To them were born seven children, four of whom died in infancy. These survived to youth: Ella, who died at the age of twenty-one years; James Calvin, who is the editor and proprietor of the Insurance World of Pittsburg; and Samuel E., the subject of this review. Mr. Bergstresser's second marriage was to Anna M. Robins, sister of Dr. Edwin S. Robins of Shamokin. To this marriage has been born one daughter, Annie, who died in her infancy.

JACOB H. SWENK, train-master of the Sunbury and Shamokin division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, stationed at Sunbury, Pa., is a son of Justus and Hannah (Harris) Swenk, and was born August 18, 1846, at Milton, Northumberland County, Pa.

The family is of German origin and the name was formerly spelled Schwenk. Prior to the Revolutionary War the family settled in Montgomery County, Pa., at or near "The Trappe." Jacob Swenk, the grandfather of our subject, was born at "The Trappe," grew to manhood, married there and subsequently moved to Milton, Northumberland County, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1870 at the age of seventy-four years. He bought produce in large quantities and by means of several canal-boats which he owned transported it to various Eastern markets on the Pennsylvania Canal, and on his return brought goods for various merchants along the route, as railroad facilities at that time were few and inadequate.

One of Jacob's sons, who was named Justus Swenk, and was our subject's father, was born at "The Trappe" and moved with his parents to Milton, where he spent nearly all his active career. He, however, moved a few years prior to his death to Lock Haven, Pa., and died there in April, 1886, aged seventy-six years. Early in life he engaged in the manufacture of rope which business he continued successfully at Milton until 1867. He was also associated for many years with his father in buying and shipping produce. He married Hannah Harris, who died in 1873, aged fifty years. Their family consisted of three sons and three daughters, as follows: Mrs. C. C. Straub of Milton, now dead; Mrs. Mary E. Frymier of Williamsport, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Deffenbach of Brooklyn, N. Y., now dead; R. H. Swenk, a prosperous farmer re-







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siding at Pleasant Valley, Pa.; Jacob H., our subject; and Thomas G., a merchant of Muncy, Pa., and also operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company at that place.

Jacob H. Swenk, our subject, attended the common schools of Milton until he attained the age of fifteen years when he entered the Miltonian printing office at Milton and remained there five years, mastering the trade of a compositor. While in that office he learned telegraphy and in 1866 entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as telegraph operator at Jersey Shore, Pa. He, however, remained there but two weeks when he was transferred to Sunbury, Northumberland County, in January, 1867, as a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He worked in various capacities until 1870 when he was made train-despatcher and division operator, continuing thus thirteen years. In the latter part of 1883 he was relieved of the duties of train-despatcher; and, in addition to his duties as division operator, was made assistant train-master. On May 1, 1891, he was promoted to the position of train-master which he is now efficiently filling.

Our subject is a Republican and has been elected to the borough council for two terms. He has been for many years an active and prominent member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of which he is junior warden, and is also treasurer of the parish house connected with the church. On November 2, 1871, our subject married Clara Haas, a daughter of Daniel Haas of Sunbury. They have two sons: Dr. Charles H., who was graduated from the Sunbury High School and subsequently spent three years in Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pa., after which he studied medicine and in 1897 was graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia,—he then spent nine months in the

Miners' State Hospital at Ashland, Pa., in practical clinical work and is now located at Shickshinny, Pa., where he is practicing his profession and is also surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; and Raymond, who is attending school.

JOHN H. GOESER, of the firm of J. H. Goeser & Co., wholesale dealers in groceries, is one of the most highly-respected citizens of Danville, Pa., was born in Danville January 1, 1852, and is a son of Anthony and Catherine (Schumacher) Goeser, and a grandson of John Goeser, who was a farmer of Germany.

Anthony Goeser, the father of our subject, was born on the river Rhine and was the first of the family to come to America. He was born and reared upon a farm, and, losing his father when a lad, in 1812 began working to assist his mother in supporting her large family. A short time later his mother was united in marriage, and our subject's father, at the age of nine years, was put out with other relatives to seek a living for himself. Attaining his manhood with a strong constitution and willing hands, he engaged in farming; he was a man of untiring energy and perseverance and by the exercise of economy, he succeeded in laying aside most of his earnings. His mother passed from this life at the age of fifty-eight years, and Anthony and his younger and only brother took possession of their father's farm and carried on general farming until 1843, when Anthony sold his interest in the farm to his brother. Leaving his home and sweetheart, Anthony departed from his native country, and on the ship "Manchester," sailed to the United States, landing in the city of New York. He took the steamer to Albany, N. Y., and went


thence by railroad to Buffalo. Later he went west as far as Wisconsin, where he intended locating, but being very much disappointed with this country, he returned to his native land. Shortly after arriving in Prussia, he received a letter from a friend who resided in Danville, Pa., and in 1842 again sailed for the United States, then locating at Danville, where he was employed in the rolling mills as a rail straightener. He remained in this country some time and then returned to Prussia, where he was united in marriage with Catherine Schumacher, who lived in Muenstereifel Parish, on an estate called Hoespelt. Mr. Goeser made her acquaintance while working for her father and much against her parents' will they were married. With his bride he returned to the United States for the third time to build a home, and to accumulate a fortune. They built a home on York's Hill, Montour County, and in 1857 erected a large house and kept boarders; the hotel was known as the "Father Ryne House;" in 1873, when the local option edict was passed against the usage of liquor, our subject's father abandoned the sale of liquor and only cider thereafter was sold, and the hotel was then known as the "Cider Depot." The latter part of Anthony's life was spent in retirement and enjoying the fruits of his labors. He entered the world of rest in 1880. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Goeser, John H., our subject. Mr. Goeser was a German Catholic, and in 1862 founded St. Hubert's German Catholic Church and school.

John H. Goeser was educated in the common schools of his native town, and his younger days were spent working with his father. His first business undertaking was in tobacco; purchasing a horse and wagon he engaged in the wholesale business, which was successful from the start, and in later years

he engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Pottsville, Pa., with Joseph Hummell. Two years later he sold his interest, moved to Danville, and established his present business. He formed a company with Joseph Fish and Joseph Snyder, and they erected at No. 122 East Center street a large three-story brick block; they also built a large warehouse. Our subject also built a fine store at Mount Carmel, Pa., at a cost of \$8,000. The proprietors are popular and highly esteemed citizens, who have a good reputation for honesty, and their establishment is one of the largest of its kind in Central Pennsylvania. Our subject was one of the promoters and served as president of the Equitable Stocking Company of Danville, now known as the Danville Knitting Mills Company, in which he owns an interest. He was instrumental in securing the silk mill.

Mr. Goeser has served three terms as alderman from the Third Ward, and is president of the board of trade, of which he is in fact the life and backbone. In 1878 he formed a matrimonial alliance with Theresa Liebner, a daughter of Joseph Liebner of Pottsville, Pa., and to this union five children have been born: Coletta; Joseph; Carl; and Mary and Augusta, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Goeser and family are members and regular supporters of the German Catholic Church of Danville. Our subject has enlarged and remodeled his father's homestead into a fine residence. He is a very energetic and successful business man, and holds a prominent position among his fellow-citizens. Mr. Goeser's portrait is shown on another page.

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 ILLIAM HEMINGRAY, Sr., a worthy and esteemed citizen of Shamokin, is purely of English descent. He is a son of John and Ann (Ellis)



Hemingray and was born April 22, 1826, at the family homestead in Derbyshire, England.

John Hemingray, father of our subject, was born in the village of Heage, Derbyshire, England, about 1783. He was reared and educated in the same village, where he followed the occupation of a miner for many years, but finally conceived the idea of trying to better his condition in life by coming to America. He brought with him his wife, formerly Ann Ellis of Castle Dunington, England, and his son William, and located at Mt. Laffer, Schuylkill County, Pa., where he again turned his attention to mining, but death overtook him in 1846, just ten weeks after coming to America. His widow fifteen years later crossed to the unknown shore.

William Hemingray had very poor advantages for obtaining an education during his boyhood, which was spent in England. When twenty years old he left England with his parents and came to America. They reached the mining districts of Pennsylvania and located in Schuylkill County, where he engaged in mining. After mining there about five years he located at Yellow Springs, Dauphin County, where he continued the same occupation for one year, and was promoted to the position of pit-boss, which position he retained for three years, giving entire satisfaction to his employers. His next move was to the bituminous coal regions of Chesterfield County, in Eastern Virginia, where he remained for two years, and then returned to Dauphin County, Pa., and took charge of the outside workings of a colliery at Rauch's Gap, where he remained for some time. He was afterwards located at the following places: Kanawha Valley, W. Va., where he was employed as mine-foreman by Col. Garland, and remained for three years; Lykens, Dauphin County, where he continued to labor till the

outbreak of the Rebellion; Gilberton, Schuylkill County, at which place he was foreman of the South Side Colliery for one year and a half; Ashland, where he had charge of Repp-tier's colliery for a term of three years, resigning his position to accept the more important position of mine inspector. He yielded to the urgent solicitations of his friends and became a candidate for this office in 1873, being elected by a majority of the examining board. He served in that capacity five years, making his headquarters at Shamokin.

Mr. Hemingray had made mining a life-study, and, having worked about mines all his life, he was thoroughly qualified to fill this high office in an able manner and discharge its duties most acceptably. He still makes Shamokin his home. Of late years he has done no active work in the line of mining, except locating mines in the anthracite region. He has made a study of geological subjects, especially iron ore and coal, and is considered good authority on this subject. Rebecca Chaundy became his wife. She is deceased, having passed away May 30, 1895. But two of their children grew to maturity: William, Jr., born June, 1851, was united in marriage with Ella Samuels, born in 1856. Their home was blessed by the presence of one daughter, Cora, born in 1876. She was reared in Shamokin and is highly educated, being a graduate of the Shamokin High School. She is now a very successful teacher in her native city. Lizzie, wife of William Morgan, died, leaving two children as a legacy to her husband: Lila, who lives with her father in Shamokin, and is his joy and comfort; and Derby, who now resides near Philadelphia.

Our subject has always taken an active part in educational affairs in his community, and has served a term of five years as school director. He is an earnest Republican and zealously



advocates the principles of his party. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and affiliates with the members of Shamokin Lodge. He is a willing worker in the M. E. Church and has lived an active and useful life.

PETER G. MILLER, a wholesale and retail dealer in coal and wood located at No. 861 Market street, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., and one of the most enterprising and prosperous citizens of that town, was born at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., October 11, 1863, and is a son of Jacob Miller, also a native of Luzerne County.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Pittston and in 1887 he removed to Bloomsburg and engaged in the tobacco and cigar business on Market street, where J. Moyer now resides. He discontinued that business one year later and rented the old Jacoby coal yards which he conducted for two years; at the expiration of that time he purchased the yards and built new stables, ice-houses, an office, and two dwellings, one of which is a handsome brick structure and is the home of our subject. Mr. Miller operates the largest coal and wood yards in Columbia County. His coal is delivered to him by canal-boats and he owns a storage-dock which has a capacity of four thousand tons.

Mr. Miller was united in the bonds of matrimony to Margaret Jacoby, a daughter of Oliver and Eliza (Hartman) Jacoby, and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Weikle) Jacoby. John Jacoby was born in Hillstown, Bucks County, Pa., and his wife was a native of Coopersburg, Pa.; soon after their marriage, they moved to Bloomsburg, where he followed his trade as a wheelwright.

They were the parents of the following children: Melvina; Maria; Oliver A.; Arminda; Enos; and Martha M. He died young and his wife passed from this life aged eighty-four years. Oliver A. Jacoby, the father of our subject's wife, was born near the city of Philadelphia, October 12, 1820, and died in 1890. He was a very successful man in business and succeeded in accumulating a comfortable fortune. He was wedded to Eliza Hartman who bore him the following children: Leonora, wife of G. A. McKelvey; George, deceased; Jennie, also deceased; and Margaret, wife of our subject. Mr. Jacoby was a strong Republican in politics, was a member of the I. O. O. F. of Bloomsburg, and served as a school director several years. Religiously he was a member of the Lutheran Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miller has been born one child, Edward J. In political views, our subject firmly supports the Republican party. Mr. Miller is in the prime of life, prosperous, and surrounded by many warm friends. He is a wide-awake and energetic business man and has given aid and comfort to numerous enterprises other than business ones.

ALBERT C. FISHER, a well-known citizen of Trevorton, Northumberland County, Pa., is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Bower) Fisher, and was born September 25, 1859, in Trevorton, Pa.

The paternal grandfather, Christian Fisher, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and never came to America. His son, Jacob, our subject's father, was born April 23, 1828, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America in 1856, locating at Trevorton, Pa. Although he had learned the trade of a silk-weaver in Germany, he worked in the mines.

being engaged there for a period of thirty years, after that time assisting his son in the store. He is a member of the Evangelical Church. His wife has been dead several years. Their children were: Bertha, whose first husband was Albert Wetzel, and whose second husband was Daniel Reitz of Bear Valley; Albert C., our subject; Jacob, a laborer living in Golden, Colo.; and Mary, the wife of George B. Raker of Trevorton.

Albert C. Fisher, the subject of this biography, was educated in the common schools and learned the trade of a baker at Ashland, Pa. He has since followed that business constantly in Trevorton, Pa., also carrying on the mercantile business. He does an extensive business and is favorably known for his upright dealings with all.

Politically Mr. Fisher has always been an unswerving Republican, but has never aspired to office. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. Mr. Fisher married Ella Fritz, an esteemed lady of Trevorton.

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**S**OLOMON SCHOENER, a highly respected citizen of the borough of Mount Carmel, who for many years was employed in the collieries in that locality, is a son of John and Anna (Evans) Schoener, and was born near Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa., May 15, 1830.

John Schoener, the father of our subject, was born in Bucks County, Pa., but emigrated to Berks County and settled near the village of Rohrsburg, where he lived until his death. His occupation was that of a blacksmith and he always followed it successfully. He married Anna Evans, by whom he had a family of eleven children, namely: Andrew, deceased; Mary; William, deceased; Sarah; Mahlon, a farmer living in Berks County;

John, also a resident of Berks County; Solomon, our subject; Frank, a resident of Berks County; and three others who died in infancy.

Solomon Schoener was reared in Berks County, where he resided until fifteen years of age, when he removed to Union County, and there learned the trade of a tobacconist. He subsequently removed to Schuylkill County, where he resided until he removed to Mount Carmel, in April, 1876, where he was employed in the collieries several years as a laborer in getting out timber for the mines. He is a man of excellent judgment, is energetic, and possesses the confidence of all with whom he has any business or social relations. In political attachments he is a firm supporter of the Prohibition party, both by influence and vote, but he was at one time a member of the Republican party. He has served as a councilman in the borough a number of times to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. In addition to his other business interests he has always dealt quite extensively in real estate in Mount Carmel, at one time owning the Mount Carmel House. He was for some time the largest real estate dealer in Mount Carmel, but as the town grew and the demand for building property increased he gradually disposed of his holdings. At the present time he owns three tenement houses and five vacant lots in Mount Carmel. He owns also two tenements in Mahanoy City, and is also interested in real estate in Lewisburg and Wyomissing, the latter a suburb of Reading.

Mr. Schoener has been twice joined in hymeneal bonds, his first union being with Maria Womer, by whom he had three children, as follows: Irvin, deceased; Franklin, a confectioner at Mount Carmel; and Anna, the wife of Harry Woodley of Mount Carmel. He formed a second alliance with Catherine

Womer, now deceased, a sister of his first wife, and they had nine children: John, deceased; Charles, deceased; William, who holds a clerical position; Delia, the wife of Elmer John, an attorney-at-law of Mount Carmel; Andrew, a resident of Mount Carmel, who was admitted to the bar at Carlisle, Pa., in June, 1898; Ada; Catherine; and two others whose deaths occurred in childhood. Religiously our subject is a member and trustee of the United Evangelical Church of Mount Carmel.

**F**REDERICK HAAS, a representative and influential citizen of Sunbury, and register of wills, recorder of deeds, and clerk of the Orphans' Court of Northumberland County, Pa., is a son of Capt. Jacob W. and Eliza (Jones) Haas, and was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., May 3, 1858.

The Haas family is of German stock and the original emigrant was Frederick Haas, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, who came from Germany and settled in Eastern Pennsylvania during the early colonial period. His son, also named Frederick, and great-grandfather of our subject, was for many years a resident of Sunbury.

Frederick Haas, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Sunbury in 1800 and died in Shamokin in 1860, having moved there during his latter days. He was one of the leading business men of the county, and in early life was engaged in merchandising and tanning. Politically, he was a Whig, and served as treasurer of the county from 1824 until 1827. He was united in the bonds of wedlock to Elizabeth Swartz, a daughter of Michael Swartz, who came from Wurtemberg, Germany, to America prior to the Revolution, in which war he was a soldier. In 1798

Mr. Swartz came to Sunbury and took up 600 acres of land in Beaver Meadows, where he remained the rest of his active days. He was the father of Hon. John Swartz, who represented the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania in Congress. Mr. and Mrs. Haas were the parents of six sons and four daughters, one of whom was Jacob W., the father of our subject, who was born in Pottsville, Pa., June 25, 1833, where he grew to manhood. He was employed as clerk and bookkeeper up to the breaking out of the late war, and on September 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, 96th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served throughout the war as captain of his company. He participated in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac from 1861 to 1863. After the war he spent two years in the oil fields of Western Pennsylvania. In 1867 he went to Shamokin, Pa., and was connected with various collieries in that vicinity; he was clerk and foreman until 1890, when he took a tour through the Southern States, prospecting in the interests of the Roanoke Iron Company. In 1895 he became deputy register and recorder of Northumberland County, which office he still retains. Politically he is a strong Republican. He was married to Eliza Jones, and they reared a family of children.

Frederick Haas, the subject of this biographical sketch, at the age of nine years went to Shamokin with his parents. He received his primary education in the public schools of his native town, and later attended the high school at Shamokin, taking a regular course. He then was admitted to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., in 1878, and after studying part of the course there he resigned on account of ill health and returned home, and the next fourteen years were spent clerking at the Luke Fidler Colliery at Sha-



mokin, Pa., and in the recorder's office at Sunbury. Entering politics as an active and aggressive Republican in 1894 he was elected register and recorder and clerk of Orphans' Court of Northumberland County, which was at that time a strong Democratic county. In 1897 he was re-elected, and holds that position at the present time. In 1877 our subject became a member of Company B, 7th Reg., N. G. Pa., and in 1880 he was promoted to lieutenant and four years later he resigned from the company. He is a member of Rescue Hose Company of Shamokin; also a member of Mount Tabor Lodge No. 125, I. O. O. F.; and Sunbury Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M.

In 1892 Mr. Haas was united in marriage to Nellie Murray of Shamokin, and two children has blessed this union, namely: Frank M., and Frederick, Jr.

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**J**AMES POLLOCK McCLEERY, M. D., the oldest practicing physician and surgeon of Milton, Northumberland County, Pa., commands an extensive practice throughout that section of the county. He has a comprehensive knowledge of the medical profession and he skilfully treats the most complicated cases with promptness and decision, which give his patients the greatest confidence in his ability. He is ever a kind friend to his patient as well as the physician, and it pleases his many acquaintances to be called his friend. Dr. McCleery is a son of William and Margaret (Pollock) McCleery, and was born in Milton, Northumberland County, November 13, 1832.

John McCleery, grandfather of our subject, was born at the forks of the Conestoga, Lancaster County, Pa., October 13, 1767, and was

a son of Michael and Janet McCleery. Michael was born in County Carlow, Ireland, his ancestors having settled in that country at the time of the early persecutions in Scotland. John McCleery and Mary Lytle, who was born at Lytle Ferry, Dauphin County, on the Susquehanna, March 16, 1774, and a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Lytle, were united in marriage by Rev. Nathan Souden, September 23, 1802. Her father was of English descent and her mother Irish. This union was blessed by the following offspring: William; Sarah, the wife of John L. Watson, born February 18, 1805; Joseph, born January 10, 1807; Jane, who became the wife of Rev. David N. Junkin, was born February 4, 1809; Elizabeth, born September 10, 1811; and Mary, born March 16, 1814, and married Rev. Nathan Shotwell. Early in life John McCleery was a merchant at Harrisburg, but subsequently he moved to Milton, Northumberland County, where he was among the first business men. He opened a general merchandise store on South Front street, where Folmer's grocery store is now, and did a very large business, buying produce and grain, which he shipped down the river in arks to the larger cities, receiving merchandise in exchange. He finally retired from this business and purchased a farm, which is now a part of the William Cameron estate, and there erected good substantial buildings which are still standing. He was always classed among the leading citizens of his community, and was very successful in business affairs, leaving a considerable estate at the time of his death. He and his wife now lie in the Harmony Cemetery at Milton.

Dr. William McCleery, the father of our subject, was born at Halifax, Dauphin County, Pa., July 31, 1803, and early in life was brought to Milton by his parents, practically



growing up with that borough. He was a very apt scholar and obtained a good mental training in the public schools, after which he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. James S. Dougal; and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in 1827. He was a man of well-known ability and established a very large practice, possessing the respect and esteem of every one. As his oldest son, our subject, grew to manhood he directed him in the study of medicine and with great pride watched his marked advancement. In 1857 he turned his entire practice over to his son and retired for the time being, but an active brain such as he possessed is never content unless in full operation, and it was but a short time until he built the first steam saw-mill ever erected on the West Branch of the Susquehanna, at Milton. It was situated where the car manufacturing establishment is now located, and Dr. McCleery operated it until his death, on December 4, 1867, aged sixty-four years. He was originally a Whig in politics, as was his father before him, but he later became a Republican. He erected and lived in the handsome brick residence now owned by his son John. He was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock with Margaret Pollock, a daughter of William Pollock, and a sister of the late James Pollock, ex-governor of Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of the following children: Mary, born September 9, 1830, who is the wife of Joseph D. Potts of Philadelphia; James P., our subject; Sarah, deceased, who was born November 5, 1834; John, born in 1837, married Mary Helen Marr; William P., born April 27, 1834, lives at Troy, Pa.; and Julia J., deceased, who was born October 18, 1841, and was the wife of Jesse Merrill. Mrs. McCleery died in 1842, at the age of thirty-six years.

Dr. James Pollock McCleery, the subject of this personal history, acquired a high intellectual training in the Milton Academy and then studied medicine with his father. He diligently applied himself to his work and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in March, 1857, immediately thereafter entering upon practice. He soon succeeded to his father's practice, and this he has extended to such an extent that he has little time which he may call his own. He is constantly on the go and is obliged to make such trips as none but the sturdiest constitutions can stand. He has always been interested in public improvements and is one of Milton's most progressive citizens. In 1871, at No. 45 North Front street, he erected a handsome residence, in which his office was located, but this building was destroyed by fire in 1880. He immediately built a handsome brick residence, with all modern improvements and conveniences, with office attached. Politically he is a firm Republican, but does not aspire to office.

On June 4, 1870, Dr. McCleery married Margaret S. McCormick, a daughter of John McCormick of Turbot township, and they are the parents of five children: Anne M.; Mary H., widow of Lawrence B. Fonda, by whom she had one son, Henry L.; Martha; Josephine; and William.

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**J**AMES I. HIGBEE. We introduce to our readers throughout the Seventeenth Congressional District one of the foremost men of Northumberland County, the gentleman whose name appears above, a prominent railroad contractor and a large real estate owner of Watontown, Pa. He is a son of Philip Higbee and was born in Tioga Center, Tioga County, N. Y., in 1856. He moved to Northumberland County, Pa., in





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1878. He purchased the Van Fleet farm near Watson town and for a couple of years devoted his time entirely to agricultural pursuits.

During the flood of 1880 Mr. Higbee took the contract from the West Branch Lumbermen's Exchange of gathering and cutting the logs taken from the flood and manufacturing them into lumber at the Pardee Mills in Watson town. In 1886 our subject began the important and lucrative business of railroad building. He built sixteen miles of the Central Pennsylvania & Western Railroad from Watson town to Orangeville, and in 1893 built the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, thirty miles, from Bellefont to Mill Hall, Pa. All the stone and abutment work to the bridges was entrusted to him and it has proved eminently satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Higbee was united in marriage with Mary D. Miller of Smithboro, Tioga County, N. Y. Ira M. Higbee, their only child and son, was given a thorough education, mastered the profession of a civil engineer, and was graduated from Lehigh University in 1895. In 1896 he accepted a position with the Venezuelan government as assistant engineer in constructing water works, in the state of Miranda, towns of Maraca and Victoria, Venezuela, spending one year on the above work. Soon after he was married to Mary M. Boon of Williamsport, Pa., and is now assistant supervisor of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Watson town.

After becoming a contractor our subject left his farm and purchased a handsome modern brick residence on South Main street, in Watson town. In this comfortable home he and his estimable wife have since enjoyed life, and they make it hospitable for their many friends. In politics Mr. Higbee is a Republican, but has never been prevailed upon to accept office, except in a minor capacity in the borough.

**D**R. WILL L. SHINDEL. Prominent among the successful professional men of Northumberland County stands its present coroner, Dr. Will L. Shindel, a prominent physician and expert surgeon of Sunbury. His portrait is shown on a preceding page. He is a son of Dr. Daniel W. and Sarah E. (Irwin) Shindel, and was born in Sunbury, January 7, 1867. Dr. Will L. Shindel obtained part of his education in the schools of his native place, but educated himself mainly by self-tuition and newspaper work. In early life he was employed on the staff of the Sunbury Daily as reporter, and subsequently was the city editor of the Shamokin Daily Dispatch. During that time he was also staff correspondent for several metropolitan papers, among them the New York Sun, New York Press. While engaged in newspaper work he also studied medicine under his father, afterward taking a course at the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia from which he was graduated in 1893, after three years of hard study and work, a full-fledged M. D. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Sunbury and met with much success. In 1893 he was nominated and elected coroner of the county by his party, the county being at the time a Democratic stronghold, and was re-elected to the same office in 1896.

The family is of German origin and the name was originally "Von Schindel." The first of whom we have an account is one Conrad Schindel who, with his wife, Barbara Schindel, lived at Gemmelsbach, Germany, in 1678. Their son, named Johanna Conrad Schindel, was baptized October 18, 1685, and was married January 22, 1710, to Susanna Trexler. Subsequently the Schindel family removed from Gemmelsbach, the home of the husband and his ancestors, to Airlsbach, the home of



the wife and her ancestors. From that time on, Airsbach was the home of the Schindel family. The next and third in line of descendants was Johanna Peter Schindel, born at Airsbach February 28, 1732, and baptized March 2, of the same year. He married Maria Margaret Gebhart and in 1751 immigrated to the United States, settling in Lebanon County, Pa., where his death occurred May 29, 1784. He was one of the earliest pioneers of Lebanon Valley.

Fourth in line of descent was also Johanna Peter Shindel, born in Lebanon County, Pa., August 21, 1766, and died there September 17, 1829; he married Maria Menges and reared a large family, one of whom, Rev. John Peter Shindel, D. D., was the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Lebanon County, Pa., October 3, 1787. He obtained a classical education, graduating and receiving the degree of D. D. He was one of the ablest and best known Lutheran ministers of Pennsylvania; he went to Sunbury, June 4, 1812, and his death occurred there October 26, 1853. He preached from 1812 to 1851, covering a period of forty years, in the service of the Sunbury church and other congregations in the vicinity. Rev. Mr. Shindel was a fluent speaker and an effective organizer of church work; he was the leader of the New Church movement, which resulted in the establishment of the East Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod, in the 40's and was the first president of the Synod. He married Susanna McCullough, of Irish descent, by whom he had eleven children, as follows: Rev. Jeremiah, a Lutheran minister, who served in the Assembly and two terms in the State Senate as a Democrat, and resigned to become chaplain of the 110th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., in the Civil War, serving three years; John Peter, Jr., D. D., who was also a prominent Luth-

eran clergyman, spending his entire life in the service of the church; Jacob, formerly associate judge of Snyder County, and a prominent druggist of Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa.; Solomon, who was a civil engineer by profession but did not follow it to any great extent, was a Democrat, and served several terms in the State Legislature; Dr. Newton, who was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, and practiced medicine at Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa.; Dr. Daniel W., father of our subject; Martin L., D. D., a Lutheran minister of Danville, Pa.; Philip M., who was employed in the U. S. revenue service most of his life; Louise, who married Gideon Leisering; Mariah, intermarried with Benjamin Hendricks; and Susanna, who wedded Samuel Gobin, she becoming the mother of Gen. John Peter Shindel Gobin, the present lieutenant-governor of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Daniel W. Shindel, father of our subject, was a worthy scion of this illustrious family. He practiced medicine in Sunbury for nearly half a century and was regarded as one of the ablest and most skilful practitioners of the day. He was regarded as the best authority on fevers in the West Branch Valley. He was a close student not only of medical works but also of general literature and was a scholar of recognized ability; he adhered strictly to his profession and attained eminent success locally. He, like all the family, was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Dr. Daniel W. Shindel was born in Sunbury, Pa., November 17, 1822, and received his primary education at Sunbury Academy, beginning the study of medicine while he was teaching school. He graduated from the Pennsylvania Medical College in 1850; he served in various local offices, as councilman, assistant burgess, and school director. He

was a member of the school board for twenty-one years; also was U. S. pension examiner from 1865 to 1885. He was twice married; first, in Sunbury, June 17, 1851, to Mary Wharton, who was the mother of three daughters. Mrs. Shindel died in January, 1863, and a year later Dr. Shindel was united in marriage with Elizabeth Irwin and six children resulted; Will L., subject of this sketch; Jane, deceased; Carrie, deceased; Minnie; Georgia A.; and Webster, also deceased. Dr. Daniel W. Shindel's death occurred December 12, 1895.

Our subject is president of the Northumberland County Medical Society, a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and president of the Sunbury Board of Health. He is also surgeon to the Mary M. Packer Hospital and has done considerable in that line. He does medico-legal work before courts and is, therefore, considered an expert witness. Dr. Shindel is a member of the following lodges: Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T.; Lulu Temple, A. A. O. N. of the M. S. of Philadelphia; and the I. O. O. F. In political belief he is a staunch supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party.

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**W**ILLIAM L. SIDLER is one of the prominent attorneys-at-law residing at Danville, Pa., and is register of wills and recorder of deeds of Montour County. He is a native of Danville, and is a son of Franklin and Amanda (Gulick) Sidler, a grandson of Jacob Sidler, and a great-grandson of Jacob Sidler, Sr.

Jacob Sidler, the great-grandfather of our

subject, spelled his name Sittler; he was a native of Germany, who came to this country and settled in New Jersey. He and his son Jacob moved to Montour County, then a part of Columbia County, and purchased a tract of land in Valley township, which is now the property of Emanuel Sidler, and there carried on general farming the remainder of his active days. He passed from this life at an advanced age and was buried in the old log-church grounds in Mahoning township. He was the progenitor of four children, as follows: Philip, David, Marcia, and Jacob. Jacob Sidler, the grandfather of our subject, is supposed to have been born in Allentown, Pa. He learned the trade of a carpenter by the old scribe rule, followed that vocation some time, and then engaged in farming on the old homestead, which consisted of 140 acres of highly cultivated land. At his death he also owned another farm of 210 acres. He passed from this life at the age of sixty-two years; his wife, who was Elizabeth Benfield, a daughter of John Benfield, entered the world of rest at the age of fifty-two years. They were the parents of the following children: John, Mary, Sarah, Franklin, Emanuel, Elizabeth, and a child who died in infancy. Mr. Sidler was a strong Democrat in politics and served as supervisor and school director many years; in religious views he was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Franklin Sidler, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead, where he spent his boyhood days. He and his brother changed the name Sittler to Sidler, as it is now spelled. In 1864 he enlisted in the 3rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Artillery, as a private and served throughout the close of the war; returning home at the close of the struggle, he was employed in the rolling mills until 1872, when he purchased a farm in Valley township. Mon-

tour County, and followed agricultural pursuits the rest of his active days, with the exception of 1874 and 1875, when he was a stockholder and contractor in the Co-operative Iron Works at Danville, now known as the North Branch Iron & Steel Company. He was united in marriage to Amanda Gulick, a daughter of Samuel Gulick of Montour County, and as a result of this union four children were born, namely: William L., the subject of this biographical sketch; Charles A., an attorney residing at Sunbury, Pa.; Horace A., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead; and Samuel G., who died in infancy. The father of our subject died in 1891, aged fifty-seven years. The mother of our subject still resides on the homestead with her son Horace. Mr. Sidler was an unwavering Democrat, and was supervisor and tax collector; religiously he was attached to the Lutheran Church. He was a man greatly respected for his many fine qualities and was recognized as one of the active and progressive men of his community.

William L. Sidler acquired a good education in the public schools; he then taught several years in the public and grammar schools of Danville. Later he supplemented his education by a course in Princeton College, from which institution he was graduated in 1888; he then began the study of law under the direction of Edward S. Gearhart, and was admitted to the bar in 1890. In 1891 he began practicing his chosen profession with the above-named gentleman, and has been meeting with the greatest of success. He is regarded as one of the promising young attorneys of his community. He was elected register and recorder of Montour County, which office he still holds, the duties of which he is honestly and faithfully fulfilling.

Our subject was united in marriage to Mary

E. Divel, a daughter of Hon. Henry Divel, a prominent citizen of Danville, whose sketch may also be found in this Book of Biographies. Four children blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidler, namely: Margaret R., born August 10, 1891; Franklin William, born August 1, 1894; Mildred, born February 28, 1896; and a son born January 24, 1899. Mr. Sidler is a member and past master of the Mahoning Lodge No. 516, F. & A. M.; Danville Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 37, of which he is captain general; Montour Lodge No. 109, I. O. O. F.; and Beaver Lodge No. 132, K. of P. Religiously he is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

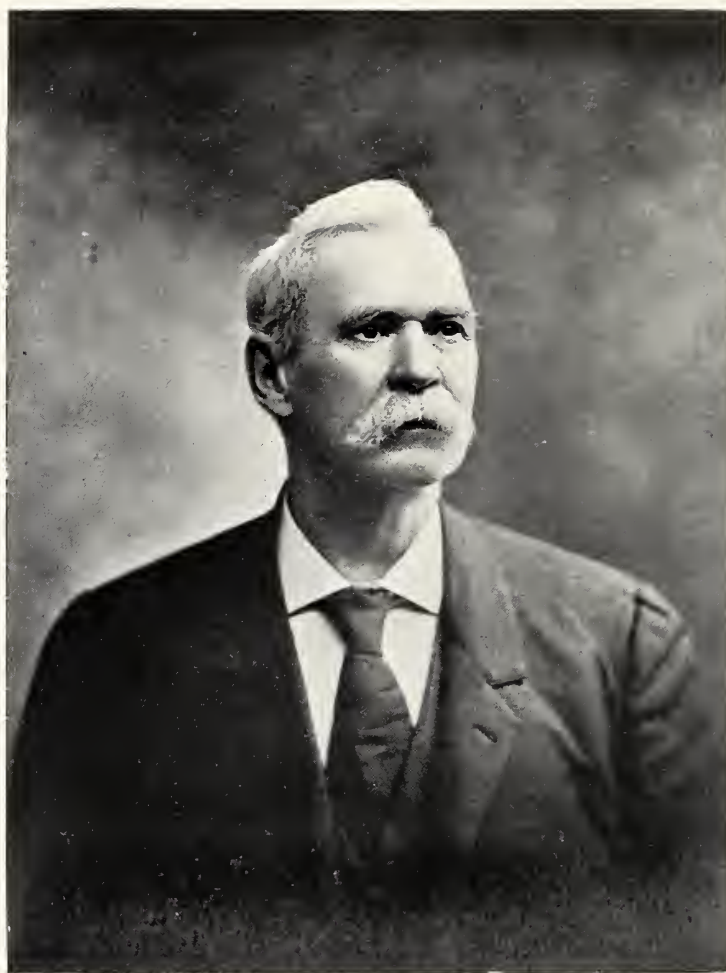
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**A**UGUST C. HERR, a worthy German-American citizen of Shamokin, and inside-foreman of the Luke Fidler Colliery, was born May 8, 1855, in Bremen, Germany, and is a son of Lewis and Sophia (Willis) Herr. The father was a native of Germany and lived there until his death in 1866, when only forty-five years of age.

August C. Herr attended the schools of his native country until thirteen years old when he went to sea on a vessel of the North German Lloyd line, and remained with that company until 1870, being in England when war was declared between Germany and France. From England he came to Hoboken, N. J., where he secured leave of absence from the ship on which he was employed with the understanding that he would go back as soon as the ship returned. He did not return, however, but went to St. Mary's, Elk County, Pa., where he worked in the soft coal mines until March, 1873, and then removed to Shamokin Pa., where he worked at the Luke Fidler Colliery as a miner for a







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period of about three months. He then became a miner at the Cameron Colliery and after a term of fifteen years was promoted to assistant foreman, in which capacity he was employed five years, serving in all for a period of twenty years, and was connected with the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company exactly twenty-six years. In 1893 he became inside-foreman at the Luke Fidler Colliery, in which position he has since efficiently served.

On February 21, 1875, Mr. Herr married Minerva Milbrand, whose parents were lost at sea on the voyage from the Old World to America, and to them have been born the following children: Charles Augustus, born August 10, 1875, who married Mary E. Kerstetter, and is living in Shamokin, Pa.; Minnie, who died when five or six days old and was born April 19, 1877; Clara Wilhelmina, born April 21, 1879, is the wife of Harvey C. Kerstetter; Ludwig C., born June 16, 1880, resides at home; William, born October 26, 1882; Ida, born December 21, 1884; Franklin Monroe, born July 30, 1887; John Alfred, born September 15, 1889; Edward Benjamin, born March 22, 1892; and Annie May Allen, the pet of all, who came to bless their home on October 8, 1895. Socially our subject is a member and past grand of Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F.; and a member and past master of Lodge No. 225, F. & A. M.; also a member of Shamokin Chapter No. 264, R. A. M.; and member of Shamokin Commandery No. 77, K. T.

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**J**ACOB H. VASTINE, M. D., one of the influential and honored physicians of Columbia County and a highly esteemed citizen of Catawissa, was born in Rush township, Northumberland County, Pa., April 2, 1836.

Our subject is a descendant of Amos Vastine, who emigrated from Holland and settled in Bucks County, Pa. His son, John, was a native of Bucks County, but with his parents moved to Northumberland County, where he engaged in farming and distilling the rest of his active days. He was united in the bonds of wedlock with Catherine Osman, a native of Hackettstown, N. J., and they reared seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, William, Amos, Marguerite, Sarah, Thomas, and John. Mr. Vastine died aged sixty-two years; his wife passed from this life at the age of eighty years.

William Vastine, the father of our subject, was born in Rush township, Northumberland County, Pa., in 1812, and his boyhood days were spent working with his father. Attaining his majority, he purchased a farm and successfully carried on general farming all his life. He was joined in marriage with Elizabeth Hursh, a daughter of John Hursh, a native of Rush township, Northumberland County. The father of our subject entered the world of rest in 1859. Mrs. Vastine passed to the unknown beyond in 1890, aged eighty-one years. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vastine: Amos, a retired farmer of Danville, Pa.; Hugh, a farmer residing near Riverside, Pa.; Simon, who resides on the old homestead; Ezra, deceased, who was a retired farmer and resided at Danville, Pa.; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. James Ogleby of Danville; Daniel, who died at the age of eleven years; and Ellen, who also died at the age of eleven years. Mr. Vastine was a Whig; religiously he and his family favored the Lutheran Church.

Dr. Jacob H. Vastine received his primary education in the common schools of his native town, which was later supplemented by an academic course in Danville Academy and

Shamokin Collegiate Institute. He then entered Jefferson Medical College and was graduated with the class of 1858. He immediately began practicing his profession at Elysburg, Pa., and after remaining there two years went to Numidia, Columbia County, Pa., and successfully followed his profession in that district for a period of twenty-one years. In 1881 he removed to Catawissa, where he has since resided. Dr. Vastine has always had a large and lucrative practice, and during his younger days he covered a field in which three doctors now work. Until recently the Doctor has been a strong, robust man, never refused a call, and for thirty-five years he was not once compelled to take to his bed on account of sickness. He was a director of the old Bank of Catawissa, and since the formation of the First National Bank he has been its president.

Dr. Vastine was married in 1861 to Sarah Hughs, a daughter of George Hughs of Catawissa, and they are the parents of the following children: Henrietta, wife of Asa Spencer of Lansdale, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased; Dr. George H. Vastine, who was educated in the University of Susquehanna and then took a medical course in the University of Pennsylvania,—after spending one year abroad he returned and began practicing in Catawissa, and has since been united in marriage with Nellie Pfahler of Catawissa; William, cashier of the First National Bank of Catawissa, who received his education in the Susquehanna University and later graduated from Gettysburg College in 1893; Marion, a medical student; Harriet B.; Sarah; and Alder. During the late Rebellion our subject served one year as assistant surgeon in the 127th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. Dr. Vastine is prominent among his professional brethren and an influential member of the Columbia County Medical Association,

of which he was one of the original members; the State Medical Association, of which he has been a member since 1875; American Medical Association; in 1887 he attended the ninth International Medical Congress at Washington, D. C., as a delegate from the state association; has been president of both county and state associations; has been physician for the Pennsylvania Railroad for a number of years; was the first president of the board of health of Catawissa; is a member of the I. O. O. F.; Catawissa Lodge, F. & A. M., and the R. A. M., and is past high priest of the same; and is a member and present commander of Hoagland Post, G. A. R. Politically Dr. Vastine is a staunch Republican. We present a recent portrait of our subject on a previous page.

JAMES M. DERBY, secretary and treasurer of the Mount Carmel Iron Works, is one of the most popular and prominent men in Mount Carmel, where he stands very high as a business man of unusual ability who has been very successful. Mr. Derby is a son of Chauncey H. and Esther P. (Cary) Derby, and was born at Dunmore, near Scranton, Pa., September 10, 1851.

Our subject was educated in the common schools near Scranton and at an early age learned the trade of tinsmith with his father and also learned the details of the hardware business. He followed both the trade and business for a few years, when he engaged in business as a general merchant, conducting a very successful store until 1880, in which year he branched out and sought a larger field and more opportunities for his ability and his business talent. He removed to Mount Carmel in 1880 and established a business as a general merchant, having sold out a quite prosperous



general store which he had established a short time previous in Shamokin. He conducted his general store in Mount Carmel until January 1, 1896, when he was active in the formation of the Mount Carmel Iron Company, which was chartered July 15, 1895. He resigned a clerkship with the Union Coal Company to form the Mount Carmel Iron Company. He was the first superintendent and general manager, which position he filled with great ability, and he was later made secretary and treasurer. The works do a very large business, manufacturing all sorts of iron used in connection with mining machinery.

In politics Mr. Derby formerly was a Republican, but he now is classed as a Prohibitionist. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 378, F. & A. M., and of the R. A. M. Chapter and Knights Templar; also a leading member of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 630, I. O. O. F. He is an active member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Derby was united in marriage on July 22, 1873, to Helen M. Clarkson of Ashland, Pa., and to them have been born these children: Archibald, who is employed in the Mount Carmel Iron Works, and married Minnie, a daughter of F. M. Everett; Ethel M.; Robert Wilson; Florence; and Louella. Through the efforts of Mr. Derby a post-office was established two miles west of Mount Carmel, which is called Strong, and of which he was the first postmaster appointed. Mr. Derby always has taken great interest in everything which has had a tendency to advance the commercial and industrial interests of Mount Carmel. He has been prominent in every movement for the general good of the public and is looked upon as one of the most progressive, energetic and public-

spirited citizens of the town in which he is so popular, both in business and social circles.

The father of our subject, Chauncey H. Derby, was a native of Lackawanna County; so also were several other members of the family on the paternal side. The family originally came from Ireland and were the founders of Derby, Conn. Many of its members have resided in the state of Pennsylvania for generations. The grandfather of our subject, John Derby, located in Lackawanna County, this state. He was a Presbyterian clergyman and followed the work of the church during his life-time.

Mr. Derby's father, Chauncey H. Derby, was born in 1805. He was the first hardware merchant in Scranton. He is also recalled as the second Mason in Scranton, Joseph Godfrey having been the first citizen of the town to enter the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Derby was a man of great energy and was fond of travel. He saw much of the world. He was one of the organizers of the Republican party and a colleague of that sturdy statesman, Galusha A. Grow. He never sought office, although he always was very active in party politics. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and a pronounced temperance man.

The family from which the mother of our subject descended, the Carys, may be traced back for several generations. The family originated in Somersetshire, England. The ancestor from whom the Carys date was Sir Lucius Cary, who was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1504. He married a sister of the celebrated Anne Boleyn, becoming by his marriage an uncle to Queen Elizabeth. In a direct line was the Earl of Hunsdon, a cousin of the queen. The next was Sir Robert Cary, who was at the death-bed of Queen Elizabeth and was the first to convey the



news of her expressed desire that her cousin, James I., should succeed to the throne. The oldest son became Lord Faulkner, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer under Charles II. One of the younger sons, John Cary, the immediate ancestor, was sent to France to complete his education. While he was in France his father died and there followed some difficulty in settling the estate. He took a younger son's part, £10, and in 1634 came to Connecticut where he joined the Pilgrims. He was among the original settlers and property holders at Duxbury and Bridge-water, Conn. The first purchase of lands was made from the native Indians in 1639 and the deed was made to four distinguished men, Miles Standish, Capt. Mayflower, Samuel Nash, and Constant Southworth, as trustees for William Bradford, John Cary and fifty-two other settlers. The consideration named in the deed is interesting reading in this age. It was as follows: Seven coats, to contain one and a half yards of cloth to each coat; nine hatchets; eight hoes; twenty knives; four mooseskins; and ten and a half yards of cotton. John Cary married Elizabeth Godfrey in 1644. Their second child, Francis, was born in 1647 and he married Hannah Britt in 1676. They reared a family of five children, the oldest, Samuel, born in 1667, married Mary Poole in 1704. Samuel and Mary (Poole) Cary came to this country after their marriage and located in Dutchess County, N. Y. They had eight children of whom the eighth, Eleazer, was born in 1718 and was a direct ancestor of the subject. Eleazer migrated from Connecticut in 1769, whither he had gone from New York, and located in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania. He married a Miss Sturtevant and they had a family of six children. Their second child, John, was born May 7, 1756, and was the great-grand-

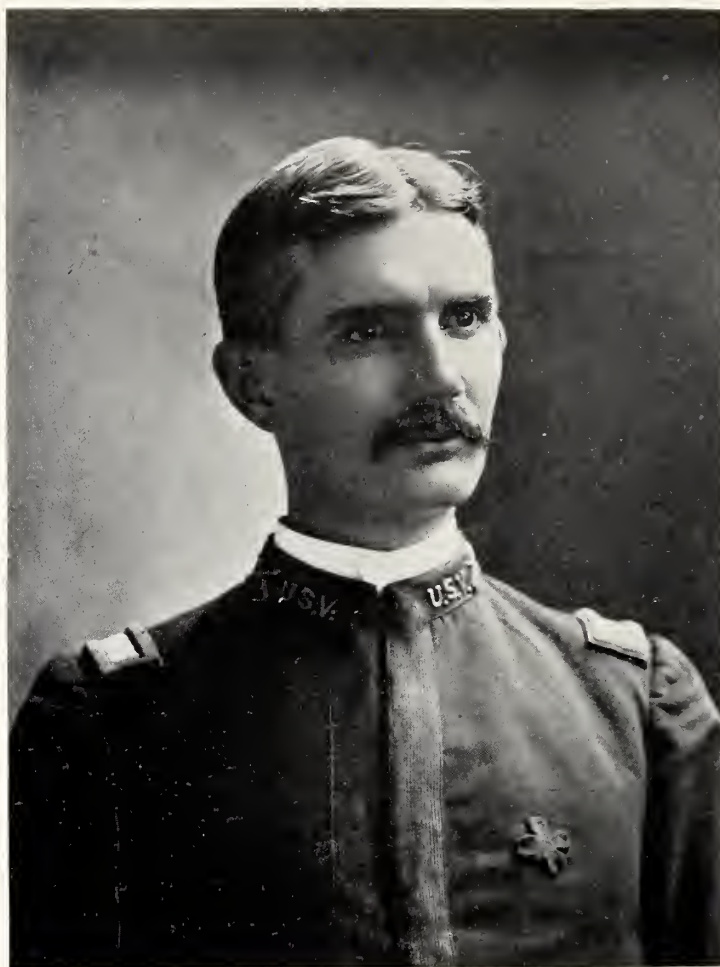
father of our subject. He was noted as a man of herculean build and strength. He served under Capt. Durkee in the War of the Revolution and was at the memorable Wyoming Massacre. He died in 1844 at the age of eighty-eight years and was buried in Wilkes-barre. One of his brothers, Samuel, a small, active man, was also in the battle at Wyoming and was captured by the Indians and held by them for six years, and was supposed by the family to have been killed. In 1744 Samuel returned to the Valley where he passed the remainder of his days. The great-grandfather of our subject had eleven children, the sixth being the maternal grandfather of our subject, Miner Cary. He was one of the earliest settlers in the vicinity of what is now Scranton and owned a large part of the land which is now occupied by the site of the city of Scranton. He married Sarah Deans and to them were born eleven children, of whom Esther P. Cary, mother of our subject, was born in Scranton, Pa., March 17, 1817.

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**T**HOMAS J. PRICE, superintendent of the Mahoning Rolling Mill Company of Danville, and a highly respected citizen of that town, was born at Tredegar, Wales, February 26, 1855, and is a son of Prof. John M. and Mary (Roberts) Price, and a grandson of Thomas Price.

The father of our subject was born at Rhymny, Wales, in 1828, and came to the United States in 1854, locating in New York City. In the same year he moved to Danville, Pa., where he became boss-roller of the Montour Rolling Mills. In 1865 he was employed in the Rough and Ready Mills, now the Mahoning Rolling Mill Company, and two years later he went to Syracuse, N. Y., where he accepted a position as superintendent





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ent of the Syracuse Rolling Mill Company. In 1881 he retired from that line of business and devoted his time to music, having studied music when young and also while working at his trade. Mr. Price possessed a beautiful voice. While a resident of Danville, Pa., he organized a quartet composed of John A. Jones, Robert James, Joseph Parry and himself. This quartet acquired an extended reputation, and in 1865 they took a trip to England, where they were cordially received. Mr. Parry received numerous prizes for his excellent compositions and was made professor of music in the College of Swansea, Wales. Mr. Price is now successfully engaged in following the musical profession in New York City. He was united in marriage with Mary Roberts, a daughter of Thomas Roberts, a native of Wales. The following children resulted from this union: John T., superintendent of the Spuyten Duyvil Iron Foundry of New York City; George T., assistant superintendent of the Spuyten Duyvil Iron Foundry of New York City; Ella J., wife of Thomas Hoskins of New York City; Frank S., a sergeant of the New York City police; Mary A., a teacher in music; Sarah, who died at the age of three years; Jeannette, a music teacher and stenographer residing at Rome, N. Y.; and Thomas J., our subject. The mother of our subject died in 1867 at the age of thirty-four years.

Thomas J. Price came to the United States with his mother in 1856 and settled in Danville, Pa., where he received his intellectual training. At Syracuse he assisted his father in the iron works, learning the iron and steel trade. He then went to New York City in 1879 and was engaged with the Spuyten Duyvil Rolling Mill Company until 1883, when he returned to Danville to accept the position of boss-roller at the Glendower Rolling Mills.

In 1885 he went to Harrisburg, Pa., and engaged as a boss-roller in the Lochiel Steel Works until 1886, when he resigned his position and returned to Danville to accept the position of superintendent of the Mahoning Rolling Mill Company, in which capacity he has since served.

Mr. Price was married to Sarah Foley, a daughter of Edward Foley of Danville, and to this union three children were born, namely: John, who died at the age of two years; Annie Florence; and Edward F. Our subject served as chief burgess of Danville from 1890 to 1896, and was school director one year. He is a supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party. Socially he is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 780, I. O. O. F.; and of the Improved Order of Heptasophs. He was appointed postmaster of Danville, February 15, 1899, and took possession of the postoffice April 1, 1899.

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**R**UFUS K. POLK, of Danville, Pa., is general manager of the North Branch Steel Company, Danville, and one of the firm of Howe & Polk, manufacturers of structural tubing and special shapes in iron and steel products.

Mr. Polk was born in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee, August 23, 1866, and removed to Pennsylvania when sixteen years of age; he was educated at Lehigh University, where he graduated, taking first the degree of B. S. and afterwards that of Mining Engineer. Immediately after his graduation he located in Danville, Montour County, where for many years he was chemist of the Montour Iron & Steel Company; he finally became assistant superintendent of this company, and left there to become the general manager of the North



Branch Steel Company. On February 17, 1898, the firm of Howe & Polk was organized, after the purchase of the Mahoning Rolling Mill Company property. This plant is busily engaged in the manufacture of structural tubing and special shapes, and gives employment to several hundred men. Mr. Polk has taken an active part in politics, and in 1898 was elected to represent the Seventeenth Congressional District in the Fifty-sixth Congress. He has also taken an interest in the local affairs of the town, having served for several years as president of the board of water commissioners.

In 1892 Mr. Polk married Isabella Montgomery Grier, only daughter of Isaac N. Grier, of Danville. They have three children, namely: Emma Grier; Porter Grier; and Isabella Grier. Mr. Polk served as first lieutenant in Company F, 12th Reg., Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the late war with Spain. His portrait is presented on a preceding page.

**P**ATTERSON MOORE, one of the progressive and substantial citizens of the village of Buckhorn, has been successfully engaged in wagon-making there since 1862. He is a son of John and Joanna (Appleman) Moore, and was born in Madison township, Columbia County, March 17, 1824.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was a native of England and came to America prior to the War of the Revolution, settling on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River just above Philadelphia, where he owned two farms. He reared a family, one of his children being Samuel Moore, the grandfather of our subject, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He was a great

champion of Washington, under whom he served, and during his latter days would not stand by and hear the Father of his Country criticised. At the close of the war he settled on a farm near Petersburg, Northumberland County, and later in Madison township, Columbia County, where he owned two farms, aggregating 224 acres. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder for many years.

John Moore, the father of our subject, the youngest of a family of ten children, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., in 1797. He was one of the prosperous farmers of West Hemlock township, Montour County, where he owned a farm of 124 acres of good land. During his early life he was for a short time engaged in distilling. Religiously he was an adherent to the faith of the Presbyterian Church. In political views he sided with the Democratic party. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Joanna Appleman, a daughter of Mathias Appleman, a farmer of Benton township, Columbia County, and they are the happy parents of seven children: N. Patterson, the gentleman whose name appears at the head of these lines; Mathias; Samuel; John; William Boyd; Sarah Cox; and Mrs. Mary Ellen Purcel.

N. Patterson Moore received his intellectual training in the public schools and at Bloomsburg Academy, after which he taught school for one term. He then learned the wagon-making trade, which he followed first in Northumberland County and then in Hunterdon County, N. J., where he was employed in a first-class shop. In 1848 he moved to Benton, Columbia County, where he conducted a shop in connection with agricultural pursuits until 1862, when he moved to Buckhorn, and has since been engaged in the wagon-making trade. During his many years

at his trade he has acquired great skill and his services are always in demand. He is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens.

On June 6, 1840, our subject was united in marriage to Araminta Kline, a daughter of Isaac Kline, who was for many years a justice of the peace in Orange township, Columbia County, and they are parents of three daughters and two sons, namely: Mary Joanna, wife of John Shultz, a farmer of Madison township, Columbia County; John, a wagon-maker of Wilkesbarre; Lavina, who was formerly a teacher but is now a milliner; Charles H., ex-county surveyor of Columbia County, and now a teacher and principal of the Nescopeck schools; and Elizabeth, a graduate of the State Normal School of Bloomsburg and for seven years a successful teacher, who is now the wife of John H. Wingert, a prominent farmer and teacher of Lewisburg, Pa. Politically Mr. Moore is a Democrat and was elected justice of the peace in May, 1869, which office he has since satisfactorily filled. Socially he is a member of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M.; Catawissa Chapter, No. 168; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar; and a member of the Masonic Consistory, of which he is past high priest and eminent commander.

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**G**EORGE A. ERIEG, the efficient manager of J. M. Otto's baking establishment at Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., is a son of John G. and Catherine (Kiehl) Erieg, and was born in April, 1859, at Williamsport, Pa. He received his education in his native place and learned the trade of a baker from his father. In 1875 he became a partner with his father, their business being conducted under the firm name

of John G. Erieg & Son. This firm continued until the death of his father, after which our subject managed the business for his mother until her death. The business was then sold to settle the estate. Three days after the sale Mr. Erieg engaged to work for George A. Kiehl, who at that time purchased the Shamokin Bakery of William Henry & Son. Not desiring to continue the business longer, Mr. Kiehl sold out at a very large profit to J. M. Otto, the present owner, and Mr. Erieg was retained as manager. Under his splendid management the business has increased in value and prospered until the present output is enormous, being estimated at \$100,000 worth of stock sold a year. On December 27, 1898, Mr. Erieg took a Southern trip, arriving on the Island of Cuba on January 2, 1899, and there he remained for five weeks. Immediately after his arrival there he became a member of the Casino Espanol, a very fashionable club, and received the benefit of its hospitality while in Havana. In connection with this organization is a hospital of seven wards, employing thirty-two physicians and one hundred nurses, and the membership of the club numbers 12,000. The grounds surrounding the club-house are most beautiful, being set out with trees and shrubbery of various kinds. Mr. Erieg combined business with pleasure on this excursion and secured an option on two of the finest tobacco plantations in Cuba, one of which he has since bought. This trip was one of greatest pleasure and one to which our subject will always look back with enjoyment, as it was one of the most interesting events in his life.

Bertha M. Hagenbouch, a daughter of Samuel Hagenbouch of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., became the wife of our subject and their home has been blessed by one son, Charles A. Mr. Erieg is a worthy member of

the Lutheran Church and is quite liberal in the support of the same. Socially he is a member of the Cresco Club of Shamokin.

John G. Erieg, our subject's father, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, as was also his father before him, and learned the trade of a baker most thoroughly in his native country by passing through the different grades of apprenticeship. After immigrating to this country he located in the city of Lancaster, Pa., but shortly after removed to Columbia, where he engaged in his chosen occupation. He was subsequently at Sunbury, then at Williamsport, where he enjoyed the distinction of being the first baker in the city. In 1865 he removed to York, Pa., where he assisted in operating the mineral water establishment of his brother-in-law, George Kiehl. After pursuing that occupation for a couple of years he branched forth as a lumber and real estate dealer in York, but subsequently removed to Williamsport in 1870 and engaged with the insurance firm of McVeigh & Snyder. But he was not satisfied to remain at that, so he tried his luck at dealing in groceries and queensware for about three years, but finally returned to his former trade as baker. He added a new branch to the business which greatly increased the magnitude of his stock as well as his profit. He included with bread-making the manufacture of crackers and all kinds of fancy cakes. Previous to that time both crackers and cakes were strictly home-made articles and a bakery where such edibles could be purchased was quite a novelty. From that time on he followed this occupation continuously until his death, after which his widow operated the same business, with the able assistance of our subject, until she died. In order to settle the estate the establishment was sold to the United States Baking Company.

Our subject's father was a staunch Democrat and was active in party affairs, being always pleased at the success of his party. He was a member of the school board for a number of years and served in the common and select councils for about thirty years. At his death he was a member of the select council. He was a valued and consistent member of the Lutheran Church and was for many years superintendent of the Sabbath School of that denomination. He and his worthy wife had a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: William G., a resident of Shamokin; George, subject of this sketch; Mary; Kate S.; Louis E., of Shamokin; Elizabeth, the wife of John M. Otto, proprietor of the Shamokin Bakery; and Frank, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania.

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MARCUS D. HORN. This prominent and enterprising young farmer is successfully engaged in the cultivation of the soil in Davidson township, Sullivan County, Pa., where he owns a handsome farm, which ranks among the foremost in the township. He was born in Laporte township, July 27, 1861, and is a son of Daniel Horn and grandson of Andrew Horn.

Andrew Horn, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the pioneer settlers of Laporte and was the owner of the Rogers property; shortly after purchasing the property he set about clearing a portion of the farm, and engaged in tilling the soil. Later in life he moved to Waller, Columbia County, Pa., and died there at the age of eighty-two years. He was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Eve Rorach, and a family of nine children was born to them, namely: John;



Daniel; Freeman; Benjamin; William; Betsy; Angeline; and Sarah.

Daniel Horn, the father of our subject, was born in Columbia County, and lived in that county until sixteen years of age, when his parents removed to Laporte township. His younger days were spent in assisting his father in clearing the homestead and in attending the common school. He was educated in agricultural pursuits and carried on that vocation all his active career. He bought a farm in Laporte township, which consisted mostly of timber land, and cleared the same, making it one of the best farms in his neighborhood. He was well-known throughout his township and possessed the confidence and esteem of a host of acquaintances. He entered the world of rest at the age of thirty-four years. He was the father of a family of five children, as follows: Malinda; Alveretta; Keturah; Jeanette; and Marcus D., the subject of this personal history. The mother of our subject formed a second matrimonial alliance with Levi Hess, and they became the parents of four children: Ella; Harvey; Hugh; and Clarence.

Marcus D. Horn was intellectually trained for the battles of life in the public schools of his native township, and spent his leisure hours aiding his father in the work about the farm, thus acquiring a good education in farming. Upon attaining his manhood he purchased a tract of land in the wilderness of Davidson township and began lumbering and farming, in which occupations he has been very successful. He has cleared a part of his purchase and made many other improvements upon it, such as erecting a new house, out-buildings, and putting the land under a high state of cultivation. When our subject's time is not occupied in clearing the farm or harvesting he is engaged in selling nursery

products, being a salesman for the C. W. Stewart & Company and the Perry & Company nurseries; he is also engaged in the insurance business, representing the New York Life Insurance Company. Mr. Horn is widely known throughout Sullivan County as an enterprising and progressive citizen and enjoys the respect and good will of his many friends.

Mr. Horn formed a matrimonial alliance with Eunice Foust, a daughter of Amos Foust of Davidson township, Sullivan County. Two sons blessed the happy home of our subject and wife, namely: Roland, and Herbert. In political views our subject firmly supports the Democratic party, and has served as school director and in minor township offices. Religiously he and his family are devoted members of the Evangelical Church. Socially he is a member of the local lodge of the I. O. O. F., and the Encampment of Laporte.

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**L**IEUTENANT ANDREW JACKSON STROH, one of the oldest and most energetic and progressive citizens of Sunbury, Pa., was born on February 21, 1828, in Upper Augusta township, and also was reared in that township. He is a son of Philip and Margaret (Farrow) Stroh. A veteran of the Civil War, Mr. Stroh has an excellent record as a soldier of which he and his family are justly proud.

Seeking a suitable field for his energy and industry, Philip Stroh, father of our subject, removed from Canistota Center, near Lancaster, in 1808 and settled in Upper Augusta township where he engaged in farming, a distilling enterprise, and also added to his occupations that of butcher. A cooper by trade he had practically abandoned the occupation which he had followed in his youthful



days. In politics Mr. Stroh was allied with the Whigs and he filled several local offices to the entire satisfaction of his neighbors. At the age of seventy-eight years he died in Upper Augusta township on January 23, 1838. Our subject's father twice entered the bonds of matrimony, his first wife being Miss Spindler and the union resulting in a family of six children. His second marriage was to Margaret, daughter of James Farrow who migrated from "Jugtown," now the "West End," in New Jersey near Eastern Pennsylvania, and settled in Upper Augusta township where he followed blacksmithing all his life. Mr. Farrow ended his earthly journey in 1840 at the age of sixty-five years. His wife was Miss Lacy and their family consisted of nine children. Our subject's mother was born in Upper Augusta township, February 28, 1802, and died in the same township in 1867, leaving two sons, George W., and Andrew J.

After receiving a public school education the subject of our sketch, Andrew Jackson Stroh, learned his trade as a harness and saddle-maker at Danville, finishing his apprenticeship in three years. In the spring of 1849 he engaged in business for himself in Sunbury continuing there until the spring of 1857. He then went to Bremer County, Ia., where he followed farming and also his trade, making saddles on the prairie. Internal strife threatened the destiny of the nation and the first drums of war had sounded their alarms. Among the first to respond to his country's call was our subject who, in July, 1861, enlisted in the 9th Iowa Vol. Inf., serving one year as orderly sergeant of Company G. He served in the Army of Southwest Missouri under Gen. Samuel R. Curtis and participated in the important and severe battle of Pea Ridge which victory for the Union troops

had so important bearing upon the subsequent movements of the Union forces; and subsequently our subject fought with Gen. Franz Sigel when the threatened invasion of Washington by Gen. Lee's army was prevented. At the expiration of his first year's service Mr. Stroh was discharged because of sickness and returned to Sunbury. While the excitement preceding the battle of Antietam was greatest he assisted in raising an emergency company of prominent citizens of Sunbury of which he was first lieutenant under Capt. Charles Bruner, the company being designated as Company D, 3d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. The company did duty at Hagerstown, Md., witnessing the battle of Antietam within plain hearing of the fearful cannonading, and was on duty for eleven days. When the Confederates made their raid which culminated in the sanguinary struggle at Gettysburg our subject again promptly aided in raising an emergency company which was known as Company F, 36th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., under command of Col. H. C. Alleman. The company went to Gettysburg and was in service from July 5th to August 11th, 1863.

Returning to his home after the services stated, Mr. Stroh engaged in business which has grown constantly until it is now among the most important in Sunbury. He acts as an auctioneer, is proprietor of the "Eagle Livery," is a wholesale manufacturer of harness and horse collars and jobber in wagons, buggies and sleighs on East Market street, doing an extensive and lucrative business. He is an honored member of William A. Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., and of Fort Augusta Lodge, No. 620, I. O. O. F., and also is a past grand in the order named and has served as representative in the grand lodge of the state.

Our subject married Lavina Farnsworth of

Sunbury in 1850 and unto the happy couple have been born four children: Mary C., wife of F. B. Luce of Sunbury; Florence S., who married A. W. Bradstreet of Rochester, a relative of the originator of the Bradstreet reports and who, upon her demise in April, 1895, left surviving her two children, Andrew J., and Elsie, Florence and Floyd, twins, having died in their infancy; John C., of Sunbury, who wedded Lillian McCaulay of Philadelphia, five children resulting from the union, two of whom, Elizabeth and Nellie, are now living and two having died while infants; and George A., who died when quite young.

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**W**ILLIAM F. HARPEL, superintendent of the public schools of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., was the youngest son of Rev. Mark and Martha Ann (Morgan) Harpel, and was born near Freemansburg, Northumberland County, Pa. He was reared and educated in the public schools of Lancaster County and Reading, Pa., and subsequently at the State Normal School at Millersville.

Our subject first entered the field as an active educator when quite young, teaching the public school in Elizabeth township, Lancaster County, one year, then receiving the appointment of principal of the second grammar school of Shamokin; in 1877 he was appointed principal of the first grammar school; September 2, 1880, was promoted to the responsible position of superintendent of the local schools to fill the unexpired term of Prof. F. M. Bates, resigned, which position he has since occupied. Although he was but twenty-four years old at that time, his remarkable success in the school-room had already attracted the attention of the directors, hence

his successive re-appointments, serving eighteen years in this capacity, during which time his educational methods have placed the local educational system on a par with that of any other town of its size in the country. His career in the educational interests of Shamokin is a conspicuous example of a high position won by a man of learning and energy.

Supt. Harpel stands among the leaders in the ranks of education, which place has been universally accorded him by reason of success achieved by him in the local public schools. He is a diligent worker and has earned the reputation of being one of Pennsylvania's most progressive educators; is an active member of the National Teachers' Association, the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association, the National Superintendents' Association, the City Superintendents' Association of Pennsylvania, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, and is also a state councilor of the American Institute of Civics.

One of the priceless possessions of Supt. Harpel is that happy faculty of giving to others, in a clear manner, that knowledge and information with which his own mind is so richly stored. This endowment, or Nature's gift, if you so choose to call it, is the most desirable factor in the make-up of a successful educator; many of our earnest and painstaking teachers fail because of this lack of ability to explain. "They know, and know well, but cannot tell what they know." Supt. Harpel possesses personal enthusiasm in a marked degree, and the able papers prepared and read by him at educational assemblages invariably attract widespread attention. He has personally visited and studied the systems of education pursued in most of the leading cities of our country and frequently spends his vacation in attending summer institutes or Chautauqua lectures. Being progressive in

every respect, he is not slow to adopt new and advanced ideas, which is amply demonstrated by the high standing of the schools which he manages.

Traveling is Supt. Harpel's favorite recreation, and he has already visited nearly every state and territory in the Union, as well as most of the British provinces to the north of us. In 1882 he made an extensive trip to the Old World and toured Ireland, Scotland, England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and France, and spent the summer of 1888 in touring through our most northern possession, Alaska.

On July 2, 1896, Supt. Harpel chose for his bride Elizabeth May Stedman, a charming and cultured lady. She is a daughter of James A. Stedman and is a native of New York State. Despite his arduous school duties our subject takes an active interest in church work, and is at present a deacon of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation, and was superintendent of its Sunday School for a number of years. He is a tried and valued adviser in the councils of the Republican party. Socially he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and affiliates with Shamokin Lodge No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 70, K. T.; Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32d Degree, of Bloomsburg, and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Reading, Pa.

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**F**RANCIS M. EVERETT, cashier of the Mount Carmel Banking Company and one of the most prominent men in the financial circles of Mount Carmel, is a son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Stiner) Everett, and was born May 11, 1850, in Orange township, Columbia County, Pa.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, James Everett, was a native of Northampton County, this state, who removed to Bloomsburg when young, being one of the pioneer settlers in what is known as Orange township. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits in that township for many years. The family on the maternal side was of German origin and its members were among the earliest settlers in Briarcreek township. The father of the subject of this sketch, Elijah Everett, was born in Briarcreek township and resided in it until his death at a comparatively early age.

Our subject was educated in the common schools. His father dying when he was quite young, his mother remarried and removed to Muncy, Lycoming County, Pa., where Francis remained until he was seventeen years of age when he forsook the farm and took a position as a clerk in the general store of I. W. Hartman & Son, in Bloomsburg. After clerking for a short time he was made manager of the grocery department of the store, successfully conducting the firm's large business for a number of years. Subsequently, from 1871 to 1874, Mr. Everett was employed in the War Department at Washington, D. C. In 1890 he connected himself with the Bloomsburg Banking Company at Bloomsburg, with which he remained until January, 1895, when he removed to Mount Carmel, where he now resides and where he has been very successful in managing banking business. As cashier of the company of which he now is one of the leading men, the Mount Carmel Banking Company, Mr. Everett has shown much ability as a financier and to his ability and careful direction is largely due the prosperity of the company. The officers of the company are: President, Thomas M. Righter; vice-president, David Camp; cash-







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ier, Francis M. Everett, our subject; directors, Thomas M. Righter, David Camp, George E. Berner, H. S. Robins, D. D. Bolic, Isaac Goldschmidt, Peter A. Stief, Benjamin Wirt, Joseph Gould, John L. Williams, O. B. Millard of Centralia, and Joseph S. Nowakoski.

Mr. Everett is a member of the board of directors of the Mount Carmel Iron Works, the officers of which are: President, David Camp; vice-president, S. E. Bergstresser; treasurer and manager, J. M. Derby. He also is president of the Miners' & Laborers' Building & Loan Association. He is a trustee of the M. E. Church in which he is an active member.

Twice has our subject been united in marriage, first to Anna Hartman, daughter of I. W. Hartman, and unto them were born two daughters: Minnie, wife of A. H. Derby of Mount Carmel, and Mary, wife of E. F. Carpenter of Bloomsburg who is one of the clerical force of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg. Mr. Everett's second marriage was to Amelia Neyhard of Bloomsburg and their union has been blessed by three children, Robert, Frederick and Margaret.

CHARLES L. SANDS, of the firm of C. L. Sands & Company, proprietors of the Mordansville Woolen Mills, manufacturers of flannels, yarns, blankets and skirts, and one of the highly esteemed citizens of Mordansville, was born in Greenwood township, Columbia County, Pa., December 16, 1849, and is a son of Joseph and Esther (Lundy) Sands.

John Sands, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, and his brother Samuel emigrated from England prior to the Revolutionary

War, being driven from their native country, as were many others, by religious persecution. Samuel settled on Long Island, N. Y., where many of his descendants now reside. John, the progenitor of our subject's branch of the family, located in Berks County, Pa. Among his children was Daniel Sands, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was a resident of Berks County all his life; he was the father of a family of children, one of whom was John, our subject's grandfather, who came to Columbia County about 1800. John Sands was a miller by trade and first located at Brown's Mills, Mifflin township, where he followed his trade a number of years, and later operated what is now known as Coles Mills, in Pine township. He worked these mills until death claimed him, in June, 1856, aged seventy years. His wife was Hannah Eck of Briarcreek township, Columbia County, and they were the parents of the following children: Anna, widow of Baltis Girton of Hemlock township, and now a resident of Aledo, Ill.; Emma, who died young; Uzilla, widow of James Strong, who was killed in the blowing-up of Fort Fisher; Mary, who resides at Orangeville, Columbia County; Horace, a miller of Wyalusing, Bradford County; and Joseph E., the father of our subject.

Joseph E. Sands was born, March 11, 1811, in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa., at Brown's Mills; when but a boy he found employment in the Briarcreek Woolen Mills. Becoming thoroughly acquainted with the manufacture of woolen goods, he erected a factory one mile north of the village of Rohrsburg, Columbia County, and there engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods on his own account. His factory was operated by water power and, in 1857, when the water supply gave out, he built the Sands Woolen Mills at Mordansville, into which he moved his old

machinery and successfully followed his business until his death, on February 24, 1881, at Philadelphia; he and our subject, his son, were in that city at the time purchasing goods when the elder Mr. Sands succumbed to a stroke of apoplexy. Originally Mr. Sands was a Whig in politics, but later a Republican, and in 1875 was elected county commissioner over the opposing candidate by a majority of 2,800 votes. He was one of the commissioners who supervised the construction of the present county jail. He was a member of the Masonic Order and the I. O. O. F.; he joined the state militia to repel the invasion of Gen. Lee in 1863. Like his ancestors, he was a member of the Society of Friends. He was joined in marriage with Esther Lundy, a daughter of Reuben Lundy, a farmer of Millville, Pa., and to this union eight children were born, namely: John, a farmer of Rohrsburg, who died in 1880; Henry Harrison, a soldier in the Civil War, was a member of the 132d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., nine months and served one year in the 210th Pa. Regiment, and took part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, South Mountain, Chancellorsville, Grand Forks, and many other notable engagements; William E., also a veteran of the Civil War, now engaged in farming in Mt. Pleasant township, Columbia County, Pa.; Thomas E., a retired woolen manufacturer, who was also a soldier in the Civil War; Annie Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of Webster W. Eves, a member of the firm of Ellis Eves & Bros., merchants of Millville, Pa.; Charles L., our subject; Joseph H., an oil producer and president of the gas company at Bowling Green, Ohio; and James P., deceased.

Charles L. Sands received his elementary education in the common schools and at Greenwood Seminary. He then followed the occupation of a farmer for two years, and in

1875 went to Millville, where he was engaged in the livery business and ran a stage line from that village to Bloomsburg. In 1880 he became a resident of Mordansville, and in the following year purchased the woolen mills, which he conducted alone until 1886, when he took W. R. Hagenbach and M. J. Elder into the business. In 1898 Mr. Elder retired from the business and the firm name has since been, C. L. Sands & Company.

Mr. Sands is an ardent Republican in politics, and in 1891 he was one of the county commissioners who supervised the building of the county court-house; he also served as mercantile appraiser in 1888, and he has served as justice of the peace since 1884. He is a member and past master of Washington Lodge No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg; and a member of Camp No. 17, P. O. S. of A. He belongs to the Society of Friends. Mr. Sands was married May 13, 1871, to Mary Zeigler, daughter of the late Daniel Zeigler of Mt. Pleasant, and this union was blessed by three children: Maude, the wife of Harry Johnson, a farmer of Madison township; Maggie, united in marriage to Allen Eves, a farmer; and Joseph E., a merchant of Mordansville. Mr. Sands' portrait is shown on another page in this work.

JOHN CLIFFORD, a prosperous, enterprising merchant of Shamokin, was born in Wierzchucin, Prussia, February 10, 1843, and is a son of Joseph and Victoria (Kaczmarek) Clifford. Mr. Clifford immigrated to America when about eleven years of age in company with his mother and the following sisters and brother: Constance, the wife of Albert Hopper, Northumberland County; Mary, deceased, who married Arthur Balcer; and Peter, a whole-



sale liquor dealer, agent for beer, etc., who resides in the Second Ward of Shamokin.

Our subject's mother was born in 1818 in Poland and married as her second husband John Stenk, and four children were the results of their union: George, who is a prominent hotel-keeper in Shamokin; Joseph, now deceased; August, residing in the suburbs of Shamokin; and one who died at the age of two years.

The Clifford family upon coming to America, in 1854, came directly to Northumberland County and located near Shamokin, at the place then called Coal Run or Lancaster Colliery, now known as Lancaster Switch. After residing there about two years the family removed to Trevorton where our subject engaged in mining for about six months, subsequently locating at Herndon one summer, thence to Danville where he remained until 1861. In 1861 the family located permanently in Shamokin. Our subject received his early education in his native country, Prussia, and for a number of years after coming to Shamokin he found employment in and about the mines, serving as supervisor and at various other occupations in connection with the mines. About 1874 he quit mining and engaged in the hotel business for about twelve years, discontinuing that to engage in the general mercantile business. He has followed this business successfully until the present time. He is now located at No. 703 Race street, and enjoys the reputation of handling only first-class goods and giving good, honest bargains to his customers.

On December 27, 1864, Mr. Clifford was united in marriage with Barbara Harris, and their union was blessed with the following large and numerous family of children: Cecilia, born June 30, 1866, wife of Enoch Fongo, proprietor of the Franklin House in

Shamokin; John, born December 20, 1867, in Shamokin, was reared and educated in Shamokin, after which he also engaged in the mercantile business and at present is his father's very proficient bookkeeper,—he is agent for the Holland American Steamship Line, and has served as clerk of election board,—he married Mary Jasielones of Shamokin; Joseph A., who was born February 6, 1870, was educated in the common schools of Shamokin and is now in the employ of his father, but was formerly a tailor by trade, and now is employed as a cutter; Frank A., a prominent plumber and tinsmith of Shamokin, was born May 25, 1872, and was united in marriage with Mary Mullen; Charles, a conductor for the Shamokin Street Railway Company, was born July 7, 1874, and chose for his wife Mary Snyder; Mary Catherine, born August 20, 1876; Alfred J., born December 20, 1878; Amelia, born November 16, 1880, and died June 3, 1884; Gertrude, born January 27, 1883; Genevieve, born March 11, 1885; Leo, born October 7, 1887; Marcella, born October 30, 1889, died December 16, 1889; Barbara, born March 17, 1893, and died in infancy.

Mr. Clifford has been a director in the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and also of the Shamokin Street Railway Company since the organization of those companies. He is also director of the Shamokin Electric Light & Power Company. He formerly interpreted in court, but of late has given up that work. He still retains the agency for several steamship companies. He represents the Red Star Line, American Line, and also the Hamburg and American Line. Politically our subject is a Democrat and is always pleased at the success of his party. He has served one term as councilman.



**C**HARLES FRITZ enjoys the distinction of being the most successful hardware dealer in Trevorton, Zerbe township. He began business in this line in 1873, having then only a common tin store but shortly afterward branched out in the hardware business also, and for many years owned the only hardware store in Trevorton. He has gradually built up his business until now he is supplied not only with all kinds of tin and graniteware, but also with a complete line of all kinds of hardware, stoves, etc.

Our subject is a son of William and Christiana (Schlatter) Fritz and was born November 17, 1854, in Trevorton, Northumberland County. He obtained the rudiments of an education in the public schools of his native town, but at the early age of nine years began working in and around the mines which work he continued until he attained the age of fifteen years. In 1869 he was apprenticed to a tinner in Sunbury, where he continued to work until 1873, when he went into business for himself in his native town of Trevorton.

Dr. William Fritz, father of our subject, was a man of prominence and was also one of the most successful physicians in the Seventeenth Congressional District. He was born in Kirchheim on the Sudetic Mountains, in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, October 28, 1813. He received a splendid education in Germany, graduating as a druggist and physician from the celebrated University of Lubengin, April 8, 1836. He immediately began to practice his profession in his native country and continued with marked success for a period of twelve years. In 1848 he immigrated to this country and practiced in Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pa., until 1852 when he located permanently in Trevorton

where he practiced his chosen profession until death overtook him. He was a Christian man and was beloved by all. He attained great skill in the practice of his profession and it was such a pleasure to him to be able to relieve pain that he did much charitable work among the poor. In 1836 he was united in marriage with Frederica Schlatter, who departed this life in 1892 at the age of eighty years. The following are the names of their children, who grew to manhood and womanhood: Wilhemina, born 1837 and died 1857; John William, born January 2, 1841, died August 21, 1869, born in Germany and lived in Trevorton after coming to America, where he followed mining,—he married Catherine Kastetter, who with three children, William, George and Ella, still survive him and reside in Trevorton; Amelia, born September 4, 1856, and died in 1878, became the wife of John Reichwine, and left two children, William and Mary, of Sagon, Northumberland County; Mary, born in 1844, wife of John Schweitzer, is the mother of the following ten children,—William, Emma, Kate, John, Mary, Matilda, Charles, Fred, Frank, and Andrew.

Charles Fritz, our subject, was united in marriage November 19, 1882, with Jemima Weiser, a daughter of George Weiser of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland County. To them have been born six children: Mary Jane, born October 12, 1883; Sarah Alice, born July 3, 1885, and died on Christmas Day 1891; Charles William, born October 3, 1887; Emma Bertha, born March 8, 1890; Martin Luther, born October 9, 1893; Irene Jemima, born January 10, 1897.

George Weiser, father-in-law of our subject, deserves especial mention in this sketch. He was born in 1812 and died in the autumn of 1882. He was universally esteemed as a





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good citizen, faithful to every trust placed in his hands; he was a man of character and possessed more than ordinary intelligence, which, joined to a large fund of common sense, made him a man of prominence in his community. He was a man of good judgment, was stern in his views, yet he was kind-hearted and charitable; as a neighbor, he was peaceable and ever ready to lend a helping hand. He was not indifferent to the great questions of the day in religion or politics. He was one of the founders of St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Hollow Run and one of its most liberal supporters. His life was considered well and nobly spent and his death caused universal grief.

Our subject is a most valued member of the Lutheran Church in which he served as deacon six years, after which he resigned. He is class-leader and Sunday school superintendent for the German department. Politically he is a good Democrat, and has served one term as auditor, during which he made a good record. He was one of the organizers of the Trevorton Mutual Fire Insurance Company, has served as its vice-president, and is one of its present directors.

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**D**R. WILLIS H. PURMAN. Columbia County enjoys the reputation of having in her midst some of the most skilled physicians of the state, and not by any means the least of them is the gentleman whose name appears above and whose portrait precedes this sketch. Dr. Purman possesses that peculiar insight into the hidden causes of various forms of disease which will ever be the greatest recommendation of a successful physician. A case once definitely diagnosed loses much of the dread that surrounds it, and the mistakes that are occasionally made

by even the best practitioners result invariably from an incorrect diagnosis. Our subject was born in Clinton County, Pa., and is a son of the distinguished physician, Dr. John K. Purman, grandson of Rev. Dr. Melchior Purman, and great-grandson of Dr. John Purman.

Dr. John Purman was a native of Germany and was graduated from the Medical Science University of Germany; he practiced his profession in that country for many years and then immigrated to America with his family, locating in New York City, where he gained a wide reputation as a physician. Melchior Purman, the grandfather of our subject, prepared himself for the ministry, and occupied a pulpit in Harrisburg for a number of years. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock with a Miss Kimble, and they reared a family of four children, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Myers; Catherine, the wife of Mr. Bechtel; William, deceased, who was prepared for the ministry; and John K., the father of our subject.

Dr. John K. Purman graduated in medicine and followed his chosen profession in Harrisburg, Pa., but later retired to the village of Dauphin, Pa. He passed from this life at the age of seventy-four years. During his latter days he spent many of his winters in Jacksonville, Fla. He chose for his life companion Sarah Harter, a daughter of John Harter of Center County, Pa., and eight children blessed their home, as follows: William J., a graduate of medicine, and ex-Member of Congress, now residing in Washington, D. C., where he is engaged in dealing in real estate; Louis C., a prominent physician of Washington, D. C.; Willis H., whose name heads these lines; Mary, wife of William Taylor; Sadie, wife of John A. Williams; Susan, whose first husband was M. Q. White, formed a second matrimonial alliance with John Wolf;



Eliza, deceased; and Luella, wife of George E. Tracy.

Dr. Willis H. Purman commenced studying medicine with Dr. Ira M. Mitchell in Jacksonville, Fla., after which he entered the University of Harvard, from which he was graduated in 1886. Later he completed his education by taking a special course in the University of Washington and the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, Pa. He then began practice in the Providence Hospital at Washington, D. C., but subsequently removed to Northumberland, Pa., where he was appointed physician and surgeon for the Pennsylvania & Erie R. R., continuing in that capacity until 1895. At the expiration of that time he moved to Bloomsburg, Columbia County, where, by the gentlemanly demeanor which he has manifested toward every one, he has won the good-will and respect of the entire community.

Dr. Purman was united in marriage with Anna E. Scheaffle, who also comes of a prominent family of physicians, her father being Dr. C. W. Sheaffle of Lewisburg, Pa. Her great-grandfather, a native of Germany, was a celebrated physician and chemist of his day, and came to the United States with his son, the grandfather of Mrs. Purman. Her brothers are physicians and pharmacists in their respective localities, as follows: Wilson W. of Philadelphia; Ernest of Murphy, Cal.; and Clarence C. of San Francisco, Cal. Her sisters are as follows: Sarah, the wife of John Packer Haas, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work; Laura, wife of William Sutton of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Nellie of Washington, D. C.

In politics our subject is a staunch Republican. Socially he is a member and past grand of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 196; a member

of the Knights of Malta; and Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Dr. Purman has kept in step with the wonderful advance made by his profession during late years. He may be said to be wedded to his profession, and as he is, by nature as well as by education, eminently qualified for his the most benevolent of all professions, he commands and enjoys the respect and confidence of his many patrons.

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**W**ILLIAM H. DEETER, justice of the peace in Coal township, was born in Hegins township, Schuylkill County, Pa., December 13, 1861, and is a son of Peter and Phoebe (Boyer) Deeter and a grandson of Andrew Deeter.

Andrew Deeter was of German parentage and lived the greater part of his life in Schuylkill County, Pa., where he followed the occupation of a farmer. Later in life he removed to Lykens, Dauphin County, where he died.

Peter Deeter, our subject's father, first saw the light of day in Hegins township, Schuylkill County, Pa. He received the ordinary education of a farmer's boy, and, like his father, when grown to manhood followed that occupation for a livelihood. He was among the first to respond to his country's call for troops in 1861, and enlisted in the 76th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. After his discharge from the service he re-enlisted in Company K, 76th Regiment, as a corporal and served three years and ten months, taking an active part in many engagements and in one battle was wounded in the shoulder. He received an honorable discharge, returned home and again turned his attention to farming for a short time, after which he found employment about the public works in Schuylkill County until 1870, when he located permanently in

Shamokin, and has since been engaged in the transfer business, general teaming, etc. Politically Mr. Deeter is an earnest Republican and is always gratified at the success of his party.

William H. Deeter, the subject of this personal history, received a common school education in Shamokin, after which he was given a finishing course in the high schools of Dauphin County. While a boy he spent his hours not employed at school at the breaker as a slate-picker. Having completed his education he returned to Shamokin and taught school for about one year; then he went into the mercantile business in Shamokin and continued at that for about two years when he disposed of his stock at a good profit and began clerking in another store, following this occupation for about two months. In 1890 he was elected justice of the peace for Coal township by a large majority. He at once established an office and was so fair and honorable in his legal dealings with the people that he was re-elected at the close of his first term by a still greater majority. Mr. Deeter's record stands clear and clean, he having made an honorable and upright judge.

Our subject's mother was born September 27, 1838, and is a daughter of Daniel Boyer, a native of Orwigsburg, who removed late in life to Hegins township, Schuylkill County, where he passed the remainder of his days, respected and honored by his pioneer neighbors. Cinderella J. was the only daughter of Peter and Phoebe Deeter; she died at the age of five years and twenty-nine days.

April 26, 1894, our subject was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Mary Sophronia Taylor, a charming and accomplished lady; both are well and favorably known and have numerous friends in all parts of the county. Politically our subject is a

Republican, never fails to take an active interest in political matters in his township, and has served a number of times as a member of the election board.

FLATTON A. PENSYL, Esq., of the borough of Snyderstown, Pa., was born in Danville, Pa., July 2, 1853. He is a son of George and Mary A. (Vastine) Pensyl, and grandson of John Pensyl, Sr., of Shamokin township.

John Pensyl, Sr., the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Shamokin township, but died in Rush township. He was a follower of agricultural pursuits; he was united in marriage with a Miss Kaseman, and six children blessed their union: John, Jr., a retired shoemaker and farmer, who now lives in Rush township; George, our subject's father; Daniel, who now lives in Danville, Pa.; Hannah, who died in Philadelphia and was the wife of John Hiney; Barbara, who married Henry Hill, and lived in Shamokin township, died recently; and Catherine, who married Joseph Matter, a blacksmith, now retired, who lives in Scranton, Pa. After the death of his first wife John married a Miss Willett, and to them were born four children: William, a tanner and farmer, who now lives at Elysburg, Pa.; Samuel, who died in 1897 and was a retired farmer living in Rush township; Adam, a farmer, who now resides in Rush township; and Francis, who is a merchant, miller, postmaster and farmer at Pensyl, Pa.


George Pensyl, our subject's father, was born and grew to manhood in Shamokin township, but later lived in Danville ten years. He was a carpenter and boss-heater. He moved to Shamokin township about 1856 and bought a farm, upon which he lived until his

death, July 7, 1880. He married Ann Vastine of Rush township, who died in 1850; three children resulted from their union: Thomas V., a blacksmith, who responded to our country's call in the Civil War and died in 1870,—he was married to Malinda Read; Helen M., who married John I. Miller, a tinner at Mount Carmel, Pa., and they have three children, William, Emma, and Olive; and Ellis, chief engineer in the Philadelphia Inquirer office.

Our subject's father, after the death of his first wife, married her cousin, Mary A. Vastine, of Rush township, who died October 27, 1871. They were the parents of three children: Hatton A., our subject; Clara H., who married G. A. Startzel, now living at Mount Carmel, Pa., and has one son, Frank; and William H., who deals in books, stationery, wall paper, paint, etc., at Mount Carmel, Pa., who married Mary Morey, and they have one child, Hazel. Mrs. Pensyl, our subject's mother, was a school teacher and followed her chosen profession for several years. She found her greatest pleasure in becoming acquainted with the great minds of our country through the books they have written, and consequently was well informed upon all the subjects of the time in which she lived. Mr. Pensyl was quite active in politics and supported the Republican party, in which he firmly believed. Although very well known in the county he never aspired to an official position.

Hatton A. Pensyl, our subject, was educated in the common schools, but feeling the need of further advancement he attended the academy at Elysburg, Pa., for about three years, during which time he lived at home. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in mercantile trade at Snyderstown, Pa., with William and Francis Pensyl, and owned a half interest in the business. They were together for about

five years and then sold out. He then engaged in similar business in Berwick, Pa., for one year, and also at Milton one year. On June 23, 1881, our subject became connected with one of the old families at Snyderstown, Pa., by marrying Lillie Farrow, a daughter of William and Isabella (Wilkinson) Farrow, the former being the genial proprietor of one of the hotels of Snyderstown. Mr. Farrow is now eighty-five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Pensyl have no children. After his marriage our subject located at Millheim, Pa., and had a store for two years, also owned and operated a store at Sunbury five years, and then engaged in business as a dry goods merchant for three years at Mount Carmel, Pa.; he then sold out and moved to Snyderstown, Pa., where he bought the store property, which he remodeled and improved. In 1898 he built a large double house next to it, which he now rents. He was elected justice of the peace in the spring of 1895. He is also a real estate dealer and makes a specialty of collections and the settling of estates. Politically he is a staunch Republican, but not an office seeker. Mrs. Pensyl is a member of the Methodist Church. Our subject belongs to a number of societies. He has lived to realize the success of all his undertakings, which is the result of his own well-directed efforts and industry, and now enjoys the fruit of his labors.

ILLIAM F. FORRY, junior member of the firm of I. W. Forry & Son, was born in Womelsdorf, Pa., January 9, 1865. He is the son of Frank Forry and grandson of George Forry, who was a native of Lebanon County, Pa., where he followed agricultural pursuits for many years, and died.

Frank Forry, father of our subject, was







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born in Lebanon County, Pa., and was reared on his father's farm, receiving a common school education. He went to Sheridan when quite a young man and learned the milling business, which he followed until 1865. Subsequently he started in the knitting business for himself.

Mr. Forry was the proud possessor of the first circular knitting machine ever brought into the state of Pennsylvania. This machine immediately was a source of wonder to the inhabitants of Womelsdorf, where Mr. Forry resided, and it was a pleasure to its owner, who exhibited it with delight and enjoyed showing the skill and rapidity with which he turned out hosiery from it. Many circular machines are now in use and it is impossible for hand-work to compete with them in point of economy and beauty of workmanship.

Our subject's father is now senior member of the firm of I. W. Forry & Son, who own and operate a large knitting factory at Shamokin, Coal township, the management of which business is entrusted to William F. Forry, our subject. Mr. Forry has a branch factory at Myerstown, Lebanon County, having been located there for the past thirteen years. He is a scientific man and devotes much of his time to the improvement of knitting machinery.

William F. Forry, our subject, received the rudiments of an education in the public schools of Womelsdorf. At an early age he learned the knitting business with his father, which he thoroughly mastered when quite young. He now has a thorough knowledge of his vocation and is familiar with all the particular features of the business and daily puts them into use. At the age of twenty-one years he became a member of the firm of I. W. Forry & Son, and at the present time has the management of the business at Shamokin.

This factory, running on full time, employs 150 hands, and is engaged in manufacturing half-hose, women's, children's and infants' hosiery, besides many specialties. The yearly output of this factory is about 100,000 dozen, which is sold to jobbers in the different states. The factory has an excellent reputation for the fine quality of the yarn used and for the excellence of its goods. It is an interesting sight to visit this factory, see the busy workers, hear the click, click, of the machines, and witness the rapidity with which articles are made.

December 24, 1889, our subject was united in marriage with Amelia Adams, daughter of Richard Adams of Bern township, Berks County, Pa., and unto Mr. and Mrs. Forry were born the following children: John and Frank, twins, born on the anniversary of the birth of the Father of our Country, February 22, 1893; and Richard, the youngest, born August 8, 1896.

Mr. Forry displays marked ability in the management of this industry, and it is fair to predict a life of usefulness and prosperity for him.

**J**AMES E. SMITH. The thriving town of Berwick is well represented by a thorough-going, wide-awake and energetic class of business men, among whom J. E. Smith is prominent. He has served two years as president of the borough council. He is senior member of the widely-known firm of Smith Bros., dealers in general merchandise, and is a member of the firm of Lilley & Smith, shirt manufacturers. Our subject was born in Morris County, N. J., August 22, 1859, and is a son of Isaac S. Smith, a retired merchant of Stephensburg, N. J.

The great-grandparents of our subject, on both the paternal and maternal sides, were of

Scotch-Irish origin and were born in the North of Ireland. The paternal great-grandfather, Isaac Smith, came to this country and located near Blairstown, N. J., where he followed farming. He married Miss Wintermute of Sussex County, N. J., and they reared the following children: John; Charles; Enoch; Isaac; Henry; Joshua; Nathan S.; and Sarah A. (Cook).

John Smith, the grandfather of our subject, resided near the old homestead all his lifetime, was a farmer and was prosperous and prominent. He was united in marriage with Katharine Kinney of New Jersey, and to them were born the following children: Isaac S., the father of the subject of this biographical sketch; Margaret; Katharine; Sarah; and Rachel. Religiously, John Smith was a Presbyterian. Isaac S. Smith, in October, 1857, married Ann Elizabeth Beatty, eldest daughter of James and Sarah A. (Fritts) Beatty of Pleasant Grove, N. J. To them were born: James E.; Florence; Willard; Mary F., deceased; Bertha; and Katharine.

James E. Smith has been engaged in the mercantile business ever since he attained his majority. In 1887 he moved to Berwick, and in March of that year he and his brother, Willard Smith, embarked in the mercantile business, succeeding Freas Brothers. In 1889 they moved their store to the corner of Front and Market streets, where they occupy a large and commodious store-room. They enlarged their already extensive stock, and now carry a complete line of dry goods, groceries, crockery, and all the other articles suited to the wants of every household that go to make up a general store. The store is one of the largest of its kind in Columbia County, and such has been the character of the proprietors, their dealings being always honorable and upright, and their manners genial and affable, they

have secured a large trade. In 1896 the Berwick Manufacturing Company was established with our subject and Mr. Lilley as proprietors. They have erected a large two-story building, 30 by 90 ft., with an engine room 15 by 20 ft., on the corner of North and Pine streets. They employ seventy hands, who are constantly kept busy in the making of men's shirts and ladies' shirt-waists. Mr. Smith has purchased the W. B. Freas residence, which is a very handsome house, and makes it his home. He also possesses other houses and is the owner of a large tenement house on Railroad street.

Our subject is one of the leaders of his community and takes an active interest in the affairs of Berwick. He has served on the school board; has been a member of the town council six years, and is active in Christian work, having joined the church in childhood, of which his father is an elder (Pleasant Grove, N. J., Presbyterian); on removing to Pennsylvania he transferred his membership, and is now serving as a ruling elder and trustee in the First Presbyterian Church of Berwick. He was united in the bonds of matrimony with Hattie Petty, a daughter of M. H. Petty, a prosperous farmer of Briarcreek township, who was born in Wilkesbarre, Pa. His father, William Petty, was born in Northampton County, Pa., and was a son of John Petty, who came from Connecticut to Northampton County, and was one of the pioneer farmers of that section. William Petty was a farmer and was extensively engaged in lumbering. In 1827 he moved to Luzerne County, Pa., where he purchased a large tract of land in Hanover township, and erected a grist-mill, which he operated in connection with farming. He passed from this life in 1869, aged eighty-three years. His wife was Lydia Stroh, who was born in Berks County, Pa., and died



in 1883, at the age of eighty-six years, leaving the following children: Peter; Levi; Amy; and Mathias H. Mathias H. Petty, the father of our subject's wife, was born November 25, 1832, and on December 28, 1854, he wedded Mary Pell, and left his father's home to establish one of his own. He followed farming fourteen years in his native township and six years in Salem township; in 1876 he moved to Briarcreek township, Columbia County, where he has since been engaged in his chosen occupation. He owns one of the best farms in his section of the county and is recognized as a leader in the community. He is the father of ten children, all of whom are well-to-do citizens in the various localities in which they reside. They were named as follows: Hattie, the wife of our subject; Amy; Samuel; William; Charles M.; Margaret; Mary; Louise; Edyth; and Emily.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children, namely: Rose Lee, born in 1885; James Howard, born in 1887; and Arthur Mathias, born in 1893. Mr. Smith is a past master of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M.; a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A.; and Royal Arcanum. His portrait is shown on a preceding page.

**S**IMON HUBLER, a successful physician of Elysburg, Pa., was born July 12, 1843, near Millheim, Center County, Pa., and is a son of Jacob K. and Catherine (Frank) Hubler.

The paternal grandfather, George Hubler, was a miller and distiller, and married a Miss Kepler. They lived in Rebersburg, Pa., and reared four children: John; George; Jacob; and Maggie. The maternal grandfather, Philip Frank, was a watchmaker who came from

the banks of the Potomac and located in New Berlin, Union County, where he married a Miss Shreffler. Mr. Frank's grandfather was killed by Indians. Of twelve daughters born to him four are now living, as follows: Jane; Harriet; Ann; and Polly C.

Jacob K. Hubler, the father of our subject, was born in Center County, Pa., at Millheim, and subsequently lived in Rebersburg, Pa., later moving to Luzerne County, Pa. He married Catherine Frank of New Berlin, Pa., and located in Huntington Valley, living there thirty-five years, when he moved to Mill City, Wyoming County, Pa., and later to Pittston, Pa., where he died in 1896, his wife following him one year later. Mr. Hubler was a prosperous man and was well known throughout the county. For several years he conducted a grist-mill in connection with the manufacture of woolen goods. At one time he manufactured toys and owned and operated for several years a general store. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Politically he was an active worker in the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Hubler were the parents of eight children, namely: Elizabeth, who married M. Benciter, and who lived in Muhlenberg, Pa.; Perry, who died in 1862 in Maryland; Alfred, a mill-man of New Albany, Pa., who married Harriet Sober; Simon, our subject; Charles, who died in 1867; Jennie, who married William Walters, a real estate dealer of West Pittston, Pa.; Philip Frank, a physician of West Pittston, Pa., who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1877, and married Minnie McClusky; Jesse Robert, who is engaged in the flour and planing-mill business in Mill City, Pa., who married Lizzie Keim.

Simon Hubler, the subject of this biography, received his early education in a common school and later at Lowell's Academy,



Binghamton, N. Y. August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, 143rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., under Capt. C. K. Hughes, the regiment being commanded by Col. E. L. Dana. Mr. Hubler's first battle was Chancellorsville, and he also fought in the battle of Gettysburg and in the first two days' fighting in the battle of the Wilderness. On May 7, 1864, he had the end of his left thumb shot off and he was obliged to enter the hospital. After recovering from his wound he joined the regiment at Petersburg and took part in the three days' conflict on the Weldon Railroad, and also fought in the first and second battles of Hatch's Run. His next move was to New York, whither he went by rail, and guarded prisoners at Hart's Island, remaining there until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Harrisburg as a lieutenant, having received his commission a short time before.

After being released from his military obligations our subject assisted his father for two years in the former's store, when they moved the establishment to New Albany, Pa. After one more year in the store Simon worked two years in his father's factory. At the end of that time he moved to Wyoming, Pa., where he conducted a saw-mill for a short time. He married, December 25, 1872, Julia Bird of Cunningham, Pa., a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Davis) Bird. Mr. Bird was born at Bear Gap, Pa., and departed this life in 1884; his wife, who was born in Beaver, Pa., died in 1875. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Sarah; Jane C., deceased; Julia, the wife of our subject; Isaac, a commission merchant, who married Mary Dungau; Esther, who married Charles Brash; and H. A., a grain dealer at Mount Carroll, Pa., who married Florence Vought.

After the summer of 1876 Dr. Hubler attended the University of Pennsylvania and

was graduated in the spring of 1879, locating first at Herrick, Susquehanna County, Pa., remaining there five years, when he moved to Elysburg, where he has since resided. Dr. Hubler has a large and lucrative practice, being very well known in the county of his present residence and in the adjoining counties. He is honored and respected by all, and has many warm friends. Politically he is an unswerving Republican, and although he has never accepted any political office, he is a well-known figure in the township politics. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Dr. Hubler has one son, Harry Clark, who was born January 16, 1876. He is a bright young man, with a splendid future before him. He graduated from Dickinson College and is now attending the Dickinson Law School.

ISAAC D. WEST, whose reputation as a surveyor, civil and mining engineer extends throughout Central Pennsylvania, is one of the progressive and enterprising young business men of the town of Danville. He is a son of George W. and Catherine A. (Kase) West, and was born in Danville, Montour County, Pa., September 25, 1865.

Thomas West, the great-grandfather of our subject, was of English-German descent, and was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., where he built a log house near the homestead of his father, and carried on farming for many years. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and was captured and held for a time by the British troops. However, he made his escape and immediately thereafter organized a foraging company of which he was captain and served throughout the remainder of the war, making an enviable record as a soldier. In 1808, or soon after, he and his family removed to Ararat, Susque-

hanna County, Pa., where he took up a tract of land and resumed his occupation as a farmer, continuing until his death. His death occurred at the age of sixty years, his wife surviving him many years and dying at the age of eighty. Their union resulted in the following issue: Thomas; Hannah; Jones; Benjamin; William; Nathaniel; Permelia; and Eunice.

William West, our subject's grandfather, was born in the vicinity of Schnectady, Schoharie County, N. Y., where he followed the occupation of a blacksmith during his younger days. He moved to Susquehanna County, Pa., with his parents, where he cleared a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He later moved to Masonville, Delaware County, N. Y., where he continued at the trade of a blacksmith until his death, aged seventy-five years. He married Eliza Rogers, whose father, Robert Rogers, was for many years a sea captain, but although he loved the water he gave up his sea life in order that his family might receive the benefits to be derived from living on the land. He bought a farm in Delaware County, and followed the life of a farmer for some time, but at last built a large boat in which he and his family sailed down the river to Chesapeake Bay, where he resided the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. West reared two sons—George Williston and Hobert Rogers. The death of Mrs. West occurred at the age of twenty-seven years, and her husband formed a second alliance with Hannah Demenstoy, by whom he had three sons: Milo, Filo, and Jabez.

George Williston West, the father of our subject, after the death of his mother, entered the employ of a farmer of Ararat, Pa., when but thirteen years of age. By saving what he could from the small compensation which he received for his services, he accumulated

enough to enable him to enter Beech Woods Academy at the age of nineteen years. After remaining in that institution for one term, he attended Wyoming Academy, which had been established but a very short time previous, and there took up the study of surveying. He taught school for the following six years after leaving school in what is now Montour County, formerly being included in Columbia County. In 1850 he received the appointment as surveyor of Montour County, and has continuously served in that capacity since. He is considered an authority on lines and boundaries in this section of the state, his work not being confined to the limits of Montour County, as he is often called to different counties in Northern and Central Pennsylvania. He is now past eighty years of age, and enjoys the best of health. He is a prominent figure throughout this section and is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. He owns a residence at No. 212 Pine street, where he has resided for the past few years. He has also served for twenty-four years as clerk for the county commissioners. In 1854 he formed a matrimonial alliance with Catherine A. Kase, a daughter of John Kase of Elysburg, Pa., by whom he had eight children: John, who died in infancy; Charles W., a carpenter and painter of Danville; Eleanore Eliza, the wife of Oliver Deihl of Marionville, Pa.; William Kase, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; George M., the manager of the gas and electric light plant of Danville; Louise M., who is living at home with her parents; Isaac D., the subject of this personal history; and Catherine, who died in infancy.

Isaac D. West obtained his intellectual training in the public schools of Danville, after which he studied surveying and civil and min-

ing engineering with his father. He began teaching school in 1884 and continued for four years, prior to and during which time he was associated in business with his father, learning every detail of such professions, soon building up a fine patronage, making a specialty of mining engineering. He is considered an expert in that line and has done work for most of the prominent coal companies of Central Pennsylvania. He has also made a specialty of real estate and mining laws in both of which he has met with equal success. He resides just outside of the borough of Danville's limits, in a very comfortable and commodious residence.

Mr. West was united in marriage in 1890 to Miss M. Pauline Groff, a daughter of the Rev. J. R. Groff of Doylestown, Pa., and they are the happy parents of three children: Elizabeth, deceased; Karl Groff, and Alan Dewitt. Socially he is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M.



**U**ON JOSEPH GANSEL, who is now living in practical retirement on his farm just beyond the corporate limits of the borough of Muncy Valley, has long been a prominent figure in the business and political circles in that section and at one time served as associate judge of Sullivan County. He was born in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa., January 4, 1818, and is a son of Gideon and Catherine (Fisher) Gansel.

Adam Gansel, our subject's grandfather, was born in Germany, where he learned the trade of a weaver. He came to America a single man and followed his trade in connection with farming until his death at the age of eighty-seven years. He married Phoebe Bubamoyer, who lived to reach the advanced

age of eighty-two years, and they had the following offspring: John; Gideon; Daniel; Jacob; Susanna; Mary (Polly); Lydia; and Betsey. Mr. Gansel for many years was a resident of Roaring Creek township, Columbia County, Pa., where he lived at the time of his death.

Gideon Gansel, the father of our subject, was born in Roaring Creek township and at an early age learned the trade of a shoemaker which he followed for a time, and then engaged in the mercantile business at Catawissa Forge. During the later years of his life he followed the occupation of a farmer. His union with Catherine Fisher resulted in the following issue: Phoebe; John; Joseph; Odadiah; Samuel; Peter; Jacob; David; Sarah; and Rebecca. Mr. Gansel died in 1843 at the age of sixty-four years, and his wife passed away at an age two years younger.

Joseph Gansel, the subject of this record, first attended the German schools and subsequently the English schools, following farming during the summer months until he was twenty-one years of age. After his marriage at the age of twenty-two years, he learned the trade of a shoemaker, but relinquished it to accept the postmastership of Beaver Valley. He was later elected constable and served in that capacity until he engaged in the manufacture of shoes at Foundryville, Pa., also clerking in a store while residing there. He was elected assessor of Briarcreek township, Columbia County, and served as justice of the peace for a period of five years. In 1851 he moved to Dushore, Sullivan County, where he engaged in the general merchandise business during the following nine years, or until he was elected sheriff of the county in 1860, when he located at Laporte. He served as sheriff for three years and three months, after which he bought a tract of land in La-



porte township which he cleared and supplied with new buildings. There he successfully followed farming for several years, but disposed of the farm to Mr. Phillip, its present owner, when he was elected associate judge. He filled that office in a highly satisfactory manner for one term and three months, when he moved to Muncy Valley and accepted a position as superintendent of the bark peeling business in connection with D. T. Stevens & Son's tannery. Four years later he built the Pennington Hotel, a temperance house, and conducted it with excellent judgment until 1894, establishing a good reputation as a landlord. He also owned and conducted a stage line from Muncy Valley to Eagle's Mere, using four and five teams daily during the summer season to convey passengers. He also hauled provisions and building materials, employing on an average from ten to fourteen teams. Before the establishment of a railroad system between these points the thoroughfare was extensively used and at all times presented a lively appearance. He disposed of his hotel in 1894 and purchased a house and three lots comprising six acres adjoining the borough. He erected his present modern home on one of the vacant lots and now lives practically retired. He is well known throughout the county and has many friends who esteem him highly.

Mr. Gansel married Polly Michael, a daughter of Adam Michael of Beaver township, Columbia County, and they had two children: Catherine, who died at the age of twelve years; and Mary, whose union with Mathias Trough has been blessed with three children, Charles, Joseph, and Harvey. Mrs. Gansel died three and one-half years after her marriage, and Mr. Gansel formed a second marital union with Mary Anman, a daughter of

John Anman, of Catawissa township, and they are the parents of nine children: Sarah Matilda, the wife of John Sperry, by whom she has four children, Charles, William, Roy, and Lizzie; Clementine D., the wife of Murray Henry of Philadelphia; James, a mason by trade, who married Emma Culley; John, a mason of Laporte, whose wife was Annie Keller; Charles D., who was a teacher, died at the age of twenty-two years; Carrie, the wife of Walter Pardo, who has four children, Lee, Clarence, Lottie, and Opal; William, a resident of Laporte, who married Effie Swicher; George L., a master of mathematics who lives at home; and Jessie, the wife of Samuel Eddy of Sonestown. Politically Mr. Gansel has always been an active supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is a good speaker; he has served as delegate to the constitutional convention and has held many minor offices. Religiously our subject has always been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has served as trustee, steward, superintendent of the Sunday School and as a class-leader. Socially he is a charter member of the Bushore and Laporte lodges of the Odd Fellows and is past master. In 1894 he was asked to serve in a very difficult capacity for the Trust Company tanneries, to estimate the amount of bark on 11,000 acres of timberland, having as assistants in this undertaking a surveyor and another. It took from October 2d to December 25th, and they covered from eight to sixteen miles per day, besides the amount of riding which they did. Mr. Gansel completed the work to the satisfaction of the company.

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**A**ZARIAH CAMPBELL, a most respected resident of Shamokin, and a member of one of the oldest families in Northumberland County, is a son of John



K. and Catherine (Wilhour) Campbell. He was born June 11, 1842, at the family homestead in the Irish Valley, where his grandfather settled when the section was wild and comparatively uninhabited country, and was only traversed by the Shamohokin tribe of Indians.

The grandfather of our subject, Daniel Campbell, was a native of New Jersey in which state he was born in 1775. He removed to this state, making the journey from New Jersey by wagon-train enduring cheerfully the severe experiences of the early settlers of Pennsylvania who plunged through the woods, fought Indians and tediously, but hopefully, sought new and more inviting fields. Mr. Campbell settled on what is known as Shamokin Creek, purchasing a tract of land for which he paid sixty-two cents an acre and cleared a farm in the midst of the woods. He followed farming and also his trade as a wheelwright. He subsequently removed to a site opposite Trevorton, where he cleared a farm and also worked as a wheelwright. He died in 1862. Daniel Campbell was known as an enthusiastic and intrepid hunter, pursuit of game being his favorite pastime when he could relinquish his work. The section abounded in game and he delighted in trailing the panther and bear, facing the vicious wildcat, cornering the foxy wolf or entrapping the deer which were plentiful.

It was on the homestead opposite Trevorton that the father of our subject, John K., was born. He obtained the limited education which was possible in the well-remembered "subscription school" which was then in vogue, consequently his educational resources were confined within narrow limits when he entered manhood and prepared to make his own way in life. He worked on the home-

stead farm until about thirty-one years old when he removed to Jefferson County where he remained five years, then returning to Shamokin, in April, 1855, where he since has resided, following various occupations, principally the building of coal-breakers in the mining regions. Mr. Campbell was united in matrimony to Catherine, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Miller) Wilhour, and to them were born seven children, our subject being the eldest. Of these the second, Elizabeth, is the wife of E. P. Foulke of Shamokin; George W. was killed in 1873 while employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad; William R. is an engineer and resides at Van Wert, Ohio; Samuel B. is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Shamokin and has been in the service of the company for thirteen years; Jane is the widow of Frank Bickert and resides in Shamokin; and Harriet, who is the wife of J. J. Gillespie of Shamokin.

Our subject, Azariah Campbell, followed farming on the homestead practically all the time until August 13, 1862, when he responded to the nine-months' call and enlisted in Company C, 131st Reg., Penna. Vol. Inf. He re-enlisted in 1864 in Company C., 103d Reg., Penna. Vol. Inf., and served until the end of the Rebellion. Our subject participated in many of the most important and severe battles of the war, including Antietam and Chancellorsville, and at the battle of Fredericksburg he marvelously escaped death—finding after the fight ended that thirteen bullets had passed through his uniform, leaving ragged holes as reminders that he had been in the thickest of the scrimmage.

On his return to Shamokin at the close of the war Mr. Campbell was variously employed until 1880 when he engaged in the huckstering business and subsequently opened a store which he now conducts. Politically our sub-





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ject is a consistent Prohibitionist and has served three years as a councilman and one year as assistant burgess. Possessing strong inclinations religiously, he is a valued member of the First Methodist Church. On December 23, 1866, Mr. Campbell married Amelia E. Hoover and to them have been born several children, including Amy, deceased; Bessie, who was the wife of J. J. Owen and who left a son, Wilfred C.; John J., deceased; and six others who died in their infancy.

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**J**ESSE L. BEAVER, superintendent of the Thomas Beaver Free Library of Danville, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was born in Newport, Perry County, Pa., November 1, 1850, and is a son of Jesse and Mary Ann (Swartz) Beaver, and a grandson of Peter and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Beaver.

Peter Beaver, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany, and was the first of the Beaver family to locate in America, having settled in Lebanon County, Pa., in 1755. Rev. Peter Beaver, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Franklin County, Pa., December 25, 1782, was ordained in 1809 by Bishop Asbury of the Methodist Church at Elkton, Md., and served in the pulpit until his death, which occurred in 1849. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Gilbert, who died in 1818. They were the parents of the following children: George; Samuel; Jacob; James A.; Jesse, the father of our subject; Thomas; Peter; Sarah; Eliza; Catherine; and Mary.

Thomas Beaver, our subject's uncle, was born in Pfout's Valley, Perry County, Pa., November 16, 1814, and at the age of thirteen

years began working on a farm at a salary of \$2.50 per month; later he clerked in a store until 1833, when, in partnership with Peter Nevins, he began merchandising at Lewisburg, Pa. In 1835 he sold his interest in the store and worked for J. & T. Beaver of Millerstown, Pa. In 1857 he moved to Danville to take charge of the Montour Iron Works, of which he was a large stockholder. He was the owner of considerable property in Danville, including the Beaver Mansion, situated at the foot of Baldhead Mound, which is one of the most beautiful residences of Montour County, and is surrounded by a beautiful and well-kept lawn and shrubberies. In 1886 Mr. Beaver donated to the town of Danville, as a memorial to himself and wife, the handsome Library and Y. M. C. A. building at the corner of Market and Ferry streets, where the old Danville Hotel was situated. It is now known as the Thomas Beaver Free Library and Y. M. C. A., and was erected at a cost of \$195,000, and the corner-stone was laid July 5, 1886. The building has forty-eight feet frontage on Market street and seventy-eight feet on Ferry street; it is built of Ohio gray-stone, with granite trimmings and Scotch granite columns. The first floor is laid with marble tiling, and on this floor are the ladies' and men's parlors and reading-rooms, superintendent's office and library proper, an open two-story room with six alcoves on each floor, and which is filled with 1,300 volumes of selected books. Miss Mollie Wentzel is librarian, a position she probably may hold as long as she chooses. On the second floor is the reception room, game room and the trustees' room; and on the third floor are the sewing and art rooms. The building is of hard-wood finish, heated throughout by steam heat, and lighted by gas. Mr. Beaver also left an endowment of \$50,000 for the



maintenance of this handsome library and Y. M. C. A. building. The officers are: Samuel A. York, president; W. M. Gearhart, secretary; B. R. Gearhart, treasurer; Miss Mollie Wentzel, librarian; and Jesse L. Beaver, superintendent. The trustees are: J. Sweisfort, William J. Baldy, W. E. Gosh, F. M. Harrington, W. E. Lunger, Lewis Rodenhoper, Capt. Joseph Johnson, Samuel Goldsmith, Frank Derr, John Pesper, and W. F. McCormick. Mr. Beaver also bequeathed \$30,000 to the Dickinson College of Danville.

Jesse Beaver, the father of our subject, was born March 8, 1811, and served an apprenticeship to the printer's trade during his boyhood days, and later clerked in his father's store. He then opened a general store in Perry County, which he conducted until 1857, when he sold out and moved to Union County, where he conducted a like store. In 1863 he removed to Danville and successfully engaged in the coal business for many years, and then retired from the active duties of life. Mr. Beaver was an active politician, a shrewd business man, and was held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. He owned a handsome double brick house on Market street, now the property of D. Bright, and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1891. In 1833 he was united in marriage with Mary Ann Swartz, a daughter of Dr. Christian Swartz, and she died in 1891, at the age of seventy-six years. They reared and educated the following children: Maggie, the wife of John Kramer; Theodore, a prominent attorney-at-law, residing at Niles, Mich.; Jennie, wife of William Gearhart; Charles, a resident of Jacksonville, Fla.; Marion, who is the wife of John Gaskins; Thomas, who resides at Harrisburg, Pa.; Clara; Jesse L., our subject; Emma, who wedded John Roate; and John, a prominent real estate man of Danville.

Jesse L. Beaver, upon completing his education in the public schools, learned the trade of a tinner, which business he followed some seven years, and then engaged in agriculture with his brother Thomas. In 1886 he was appointed superintendent of the Thomas Beaver Free Library and Y. M. C. A., which position he has continued to hold up to the present time. He was joined in marriage with Anna Thomson, a daughter of Egbert Thomson, and they are the parents of five children: J. Belle, Laura, Mary, Josephine, and Sarah. In political affiliations Mr. Beaver is a staunch Republican and held the office of assessor of the First Ward of Danville, Pa. In religious belief Mrs. Beaver is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Danville. J. Belle, the oldest daughter of our subject, is a member of the Episcopal Church.

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**F**REDERICK HENRY KNIGHT is known throughout Northumberland County as one who has grown up with Watsonstown, his present home, and who has been the longest engaged in business in that town of any of its residents. Beginning to make his way in the world against odds and under circumstances which would have discouraged many with less will-power, the subject of our sketch, by "keeping everlastingly at it," has been very successful, and now is at the head of one of the largest business firms in the county. He comes of Revolutionary fighting stock. He was born in Perry County, Pa., and is a son of Richard Knight and a grandson of Richard Knight. His grandfather came to this country from Germany, but he was of Scotch-Irish descent. He first settled on Long Island, subsequently removing to York County, Pa., with his family,

where he died upwards of eighty years of age. He was a farmer. He served in the Revolutionary War. His children were Richard, Cornelius and George.

Richard Knight, father of our subject, was born on Long Island, N. Y., in 1768. He bequeathed to his family a record as a patriot, of which his descendants are rightly proud. At the age of eleven years he was overflowing with the stirring patriotism of the period and he did such part as a boy could assume, serving through the War of the Revolution as a drummer-boy. His services were stated in the records detailing the memorable struggles of our forefathers, and to his daughter, Mrs. B. F. Gregory, was presented a handsome medal by the Daughters of the Revolution, commemorating the fact that she is the youngest daughter living at present whose father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Knight forsook his trade, that of tailor, and engaged in business as a general merchant in Harrisburg, Pa. While there he did excellent service as a captain of a company of volunteers in the War of 1812. He held a large contract on the Pennsylvania Canal when it was built, which contract was performed with fidelity and to the satisfaction of the state. In 1832 Mr. Knight removed to Liverpool, Pa., where he built a hotel and also purchased a large farm, conducting both until his demise, in 1850, his iron constitution and exemplary habits having spanned his lifetime to four score years and over, he being eighty-two years of age at his death. The hotel stood on the site now occupied by the Ouns Hotel in Liverpool. The father of our subject thrice was united in marriage, first to Miss McIrwin, who bore him one child, Abner, deceased. His second marriage was to Sarah, daughter of Henry Berry of Freeburg, Pa., who died at about the age of forty-six years and left sur-

living her Frederick Henry, the subject of this sketch, and two daughters, Annie M., wife of B. F. Gregory, and Sadie, who married F. A. Reen, two of her children, Delilah and James, being dead. Mrs. Mary Rumbach was the third wife of Mr. Knight, the union resulting in no issue.

Our subject's father died when Frederick was young and he, with the other children, was placed under the care of a guardian, who neglected his duties, in that he did not properly look after the interests of the little ones. Realizing that he must shift for himself, Frederick took advantage of every opportunity to improve himself. Endowed with good judgment and pluck, at the age of seventeen years he had saved sufficient money to enable him to attend the Freeburg Academy, which he did for one term. Then he taught school for two years, after which he applied his earnings as teacher to paying for a special course of instruction at the Millersville Normal School. He again resumed teaching, which he abandoned on the breaking out of the Rebellion to enlist in the Union Army, but he was rejected because he was of small stature. He was determined, however, to serve his nation, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company G, 147th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., as a private. He served to the close of the war and was promoted to corporal, sergeant and sergeant-major. At the end of the war Mr. Knight entered business on a small scale in Watsontown as a tinsmith, making a specialty of tin roofing. He was successful and has continuously added to the business until he now is an extensive dealer in general hardware, stoves, house-furnishing goods, oils and paints. He has a fine residence and his store is large. He began business when Watsontown scarcely was a borough. In politics our subject is a stanch Republican. He has served as burgess for three

years and as a member of the school board and town council. He and his family are active members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Knight is a prominent member of the G. A. R., a past master of the F. & A. M., past high priest in the R. A. M., and a Knight Templar.

Mr. Knight was married to Annie, daughter of Sim Schoch of New Berlin, Union County, Pa., and to them has been born a son, Harry S. Knight, who is a leading attorney in Sunbury, Pa.

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**D**R. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GARDNER, whose equal as an expert manipulator of the surgeon's knife has never been known in Columbia County, has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in the town of Bloomsburg for many years. He has also been in close touch with many enterprises which have not only proven remunerative to him, but have also been of material aid in the advancement of the interests of the town. He received a good education in the schools of the South, after which he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Paul H. Otley, a distinguished surgeon, and later graduated from the Medical College of Virginia.

Dr. Gardner received an appointment as surgeon in the Confederate Army upon the breaking out of the Civil War and served faithfully until its close. In 1874, after the country had sufficiently recovered from the effects of the terrible war, he was appointed surgeon in chief of the Alabama & Chattanooga Railroad during its construction and administration. He was a member of the North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania medical societies, and of the American Medical Association. He gained greatly in skill while serving as railroad sur-

geon, and upon coming to Bloomsburg later he soon acquired a large practice as a physician and surgeon. He is a man of wonderful nerve and superior judgment, and his coolness in the most trying cases inspires confidence in the patient. He is widely known throughout the eastern section of the state and is often called to great distances to perform operations, which would otherwise be performed in the hospitals of large cities, as they require a thorough understanding of the cases and a skill which is seldom found elsewhere. He is a stockholder in many of the leading industries of Bloomsburg and owns considerable property. Our subject purchased the Bittenbender property on East Main street, upon which he made many improvements and remodeled into a beautiful residence. He owns many tenement houses which he has enlarged and remodeled and made other improvements. He purchased the old Miller farm upon which he also built new buildings and made various improvements, which have made it a profitable investment.

Dr. Gardner was united in hymeneal bonds to Ida Melissa Pennington, a daughter of Henry Pennington, and a niece of the ex-governor of North Dakota. This union resulted in the following issue: Katherine P., who lives at home; Frank P., an electrician, who is superintendent of the People's Electric Railroad of Nanticoke, Pa.; and Le Roy P., who is now in attendance at Nazareth Hall, Pa.

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**C**HRISTIAN MOMLEY, who is a most respected German-American citizen of Shamokin, Pa., and a prominent veteran of the Rebellion, is a son of Christian Momley, and was born June 4, 1841, in the provincial state of Wurtemberg, Ger-







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many. He was educated and learned his trade as a butcher in his native country and was well prepared to follow his chosen occupation when he came to the United States at the age of twenty-three years, locating in New York City, where he remained but a short time.

Like thousands of his fellow Germans, the subject of our sketch was greatly aroused by the events of the Rebellion, which was then nearing its end, and his patriotic spirit immediately showed itself in his volunteering for the service of the country which he intended should adopt him as one of her foreign-born sons. He enlisted in the 28th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., in 1864, served in Company C, of that regiment, and was mustered out of service in the following year.

After leaving the army Mr. Momley followed his trade as butcher in Ashland, where he was associated with an uncle, also in Mahanoy City and at Mount Carmel, removing to Shamokin in 1868, of which town he has since been a resident, following butchering continuously. His is the oldest butcher's shop in the town, and he has built up an extensive and profitable business.

Our subject was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mary Wetzl, and unto them have been given four children, three of whom are living: Susanna Katherine, born February 22, 1871, who is the wife of Carus Winn of Shamokin; William Reuben, born October 26, 1874, who married Elizabeth Rouck of Shamokin; and George Christian, born February 26, 1876. The fourth child, Mahala Wielhema, died when about twelve years of age.

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**J**AMES M. STAYER, who owns a half interest in the establishment of E. C. Caswell & Company, one of Bloomsburg's most prominent industries, and a high-

ly respected citizen of that town, was born in Pine Creek township, Lycoming County, Pa., February 21, 1855, and is a son of John and Mary (Nicely) Stayer.

The father of our subject was also born in Pine Creek township, Lycoming County, Pa., and upon growing to manhood moved to Jersey Shore, Pa., where he embarked in the lumber business and became one of the valued members of the community. He was united in marriage with Mary Nicely, and they were the parents of four children, named as follows: Lizzie, deceased; Carrie, widow of A. J. Sypher; Martin Luther, a prominent real estate and insurance man residing in Jersey Shore, Pa.; and James M., the subject of this sketch. John Stayer, who still resides at his home in Jersey Shore, is now eighty-two years old. In politics is a Prohibitionist, being greatly opposed to the use of intoxicating liquors.

James M. Stayer was reared and educated in Jersey Shore, Pa., his father having moved there while James was a mere lad; during his early manhood he worked on his father's farm and at the age of seventeen engaged as a clerk in the store owned by Howard & Stayer, remaining there until 1876, when he engaged in business with his father, under the firm name John Stayer & Sons. In 1882 he removed to Bloomsburg and accepted a position as bookkeeper and cashier for Caswell Brothers & Company. In 1888 he purchased a one-third interest in the business and later increased his share in the business to one-half interest. The Bloomsburg Woolen Manufacturing Company was established in 1882 by E. C. Caswell and S. A. Caswell; they erected a three-story building, 54x124 ft., with a boiler and engine room 26x36 ft., at a cost of \$15,000; fitted the plant with 14 looms and the latest improved machinery to manufacture fancy dress goods, the factory and ma-

chinery costing in the neighborhood of \$30,000; they use only XX fine merino wool, and employ some 40 hands. Upon the death of S. A. Caswell, E. C. Caswell bought out his heirs, and the business was conducted under the name of E. C. Caswell & Company. In 1888 our subject was taken in as partner, and a dye house, 30x36 ft., added to the plant. The building is heated throughout by steam supplied by a 50 horse-power engine; they have three sets of cards and 1,260 spindles. At 1 o'clock, September 30, 1896, a tornado passed over the town of Bloomsburg, completely destroying the upper floor of the mills, by which the firm sustained a loss of \$8,000. Ten days previously a hail-storm had demolished over 1,000 windows. The building was immediately rebuilt and in two months business was again in full sway. The goods manufactured by this firm are of the finest quality and are shipped directly to New York City, where they own a large wholesale warehouse, and from there they are shipped throughout the United States. Mr. Staver is a stockholder in many other enterprises of Bloomsburg, and is regarded as one of the most progressive business men of his community.

Mr. Staver is a member of La Belle Valley Lodge, No. 232, F. & A. M., Jersey Shore, Pa.; past high priest and treasurer of Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; past grand master and treasurer of Mt. Moriah Council, No. 10; past E. M. commander and treasurer of Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; V. J. G. W. of the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite; member of Enoch Grand Lodge of Perfection; past E. S. P. G. master of Zerrubabel Council, P. of J., 16th degree; G. O. of Evergreen Chapter of Rose Croix, 18th degree; second Lt. Com. of Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32nd degree; past junior general of Orient Conclave, No. 2; and

member of Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Staver's portrait is shown on a preceding page.

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**H**ARRY E. WALTON, one of the leading and enterprising business men of the borough of Berwick, is an embalmer and funeral director and is proprietor of one of the most attractive stores in the borough, dealing in pictures, picture frames, mouldings, furniture, etc. He was born in Salem township, Luzerne County, July 8, 1865, and is a son of Morris and Caroline (Kline) Walton.

Morris Walton, the father of our subject, was born in Luzerne County, where he was educated and prepared for the ministry, but owing to poor health was obliged to sacrifice his plans. He then took up farming and followed that occupation during the remainder of his days. He died in August, 1870. He was united in marriage to Caroline Kline and they reared a family of children, one of whom is Harry E., whose name heads these lines. After her beloved husband's death Mrs. Walton removed to Berwick, where she has since resided.

Harry E. Walton removed to Berwick with his mother and was educated in the common schools, after which he learned the trade of a carpenter and worked as a journeyman at Nanticoke, Wilkesbarre, Pa., and Newark, N. J. He then engaged in contracting in Berwick, continuing from 1891 to 1893. He then removed to Newark, N. J., and while there attended the United States Embalming School at New York City, from which he graduated December 12, 1892. He returned to Berwick in the spring of 1893 and purchased the picture and moulding business of W. W. Pursel.



In 1895 Mr. Walton bought out 'Klinetob Bros.' undertaking establishment, which he has since conducted. He is thoroughly acquainted with every detail of his profession, and by his honest and straightforward methods he has won the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens as well as their patronage. He is a young man, very popular, and has a bright future before him.

Our subject was joined in matrimonial bonds to Jennie Kingsbury, a daughter of Daniel Kingsbury of Hardpan, Luzerne County, and they are the happy parents of five children, as follows: Fred M., born in Berwick, Pa.; Eudora, born in Irvington, N. J.; George W., born in Irvington, N. J.; Daniel K., born in Berwick; and Lena E., born in Berwick. Religiously Mr. Walton and his family are members of the Evangelical Church. He is a member of W. T. Sherman Commandery, No. 23, K. T.; Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A.; and Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F. He has served as assistant register and as secretary of the school board of Berwick.

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**E**DWARD C. WELLS, a member of the firm of Creasy & Wells, is a man of tried ability who stands foremost among the leading business men of Bloomsburg. The planing mills conducted by himself and partner and operated in connection with their extensive lumber yard between Sixth and Seventh streets, are modern and up-to-date in every particular, and are unexcelled in point of size and quality of work turned out, in Columbia County. Mr. Wells is a son of Theodore and Martha (Clark) Wells, and was born in Hughesville, Lycoming County, Pa., September 4, 1832.

Our subject is a descendant of a very promi-

nent family, being a great-grandson of Lemuel Wells, a direct descendant of Hugh Wells, who settled in Hartford, Conn., in 1636, one of the earliest settlers of that state. He is supposed to have been a cousin of Gov. Wells. Lemuel Wells was a sergeant in the Revolutionary War and after its close located at Wethersfield, where he was a very prominent man, his name being closely connected with the history of that section.

Israel Wells, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Whately, Mass., June 16, 1774, and moved west with his family in June, 1817, locating at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., where the residence of Dr. W. M. Reber now stands. He was a wheelwright by trade and attained distinction throughout the state as the manufacturer of the old Dearborne wagons with wooden springs, which were at that time considered a great luxury. He made large sales and did an extensive business for many years before his death in 1853. On June 11, 1798, he was united in marriage with Dolly Smith, a daughter of Gad and Irene Smith, and they became the parents of five children: Sedwick; Theodore; Israel; Clarissa; and Mosely D.

Theodore Wells, our subject's father, was born in Whately, Mass., in 1804, and early in life engaged in the mercantile business at Hughesville, Lycoming County, Pa., where he remained until 1832, when he located at Catawissa. There he successfully pursued the same line of business and in addition, with others, he entered into a contract for the construction of a bridge and one mile of track on either side, near the village of Mainville, Pa., for the Catawissa Railroad. In 1842 he moved to Muncy, Lycoming County, where he embarked in the hotel business, opening what is now known as the City Hotel, a large brick structure. This he conducted un-



til his death in 1861. In 1828 Mr. Wells formed a matrimonial alliance with Martha Clark, a daughter of John Clark of Catawissa; she was born in 1808, and was called to her final rest in 1880. This union was blessed by the following offspring: Edward C., our subject; Mary; John; Rufus; Israel; Joseph; Jane; and Blanche.

Edward C. Wells at an early age took up the business at which his father had made a success, and in 1855 opened a mercantile store at Muncy, Lycoming County, which he conducted until 1861, when he sold out and accepted the appointment of sutler with the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves. He was located at Washington, D. C., and continued in that capacity for a period of eighteen months. After the evacuation of Petersburg, Va., he accepted a similar appointment, purveyor to Gen. McKleaver's headquarters at Petersburg, and served until September, 1865. He then engaged as general traveling agent for the Oil Creek Railroad, running from Corry to Oil City, for the following seven years. He then moved to Bloomsburg and accepted the position of steward and superintendent of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, continuing as such for about eleven years in a faithful and efficient manner. In 1885 the firm of Creasy & Wells was formed, his partner being Samuel C. Creasy, Esq., a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies. The latter established the lumber business in 1883 on a very small scale, but under successful management it prospered and increased in size, and at the present time has assumed vast proportions. They have a large lumber yard between Sixth and Seventh streets, all of which is under cover. They purchased hundreds of acres of timberland and run a number of stationary and portable saw-mills, furnishing all of their

own lumber. Their planing mills are models of completeness. They make sashes, blinds, doors, screens, etc., employing a large force of men the year around, all being skilled workmen. They are men of energy and push and it is due to their own abilities that their success has been such as it has. Our subject in recent years built a beautiful home on Fifth street; it is supplied with all modern conveniences, finely furnished, and is one of the best in the borough.

Mr. Wells was joined in wedlock with Elizabeth Brunner, a daughter of Isaac Brunner, who served in the state militia and was also a member of the Legislature, and this union has been blessed with four children, namely: Jennie W., the wife of S. B. Henderson, a lumber merchant; O. Bruce, deceased; May, the wife of S. C. Creasy, who is in business with our subject; and Joseph G., who looks after his father's business interests and who married Lottie Kuhn. Mrs. Wells died in 1897, aged sixty-eight years. Politically Mr. Wells is a Republican, whilst in social circles he is a member of the Masonic order at Muncy; Bloomsburg Chapter; and also Bloomsburg Commandery.

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MARTIN E. PURCELL is a son of Patrick and Mary (Purcell) Purcell, and was born in 1858 at Heckscherville, Schuylkill County, Pa. His father, Patrick Purcell, was a native of Ireland who immigrated to America about 1840, locating in the anthracite coal regions in Schuylkill County, Pa., where he followed mining the rest of his life.

Martin E. Purcell, our subject, was educated in the common schools of Cass township, and between the ages of eleven and twelve years went into the breaker as a



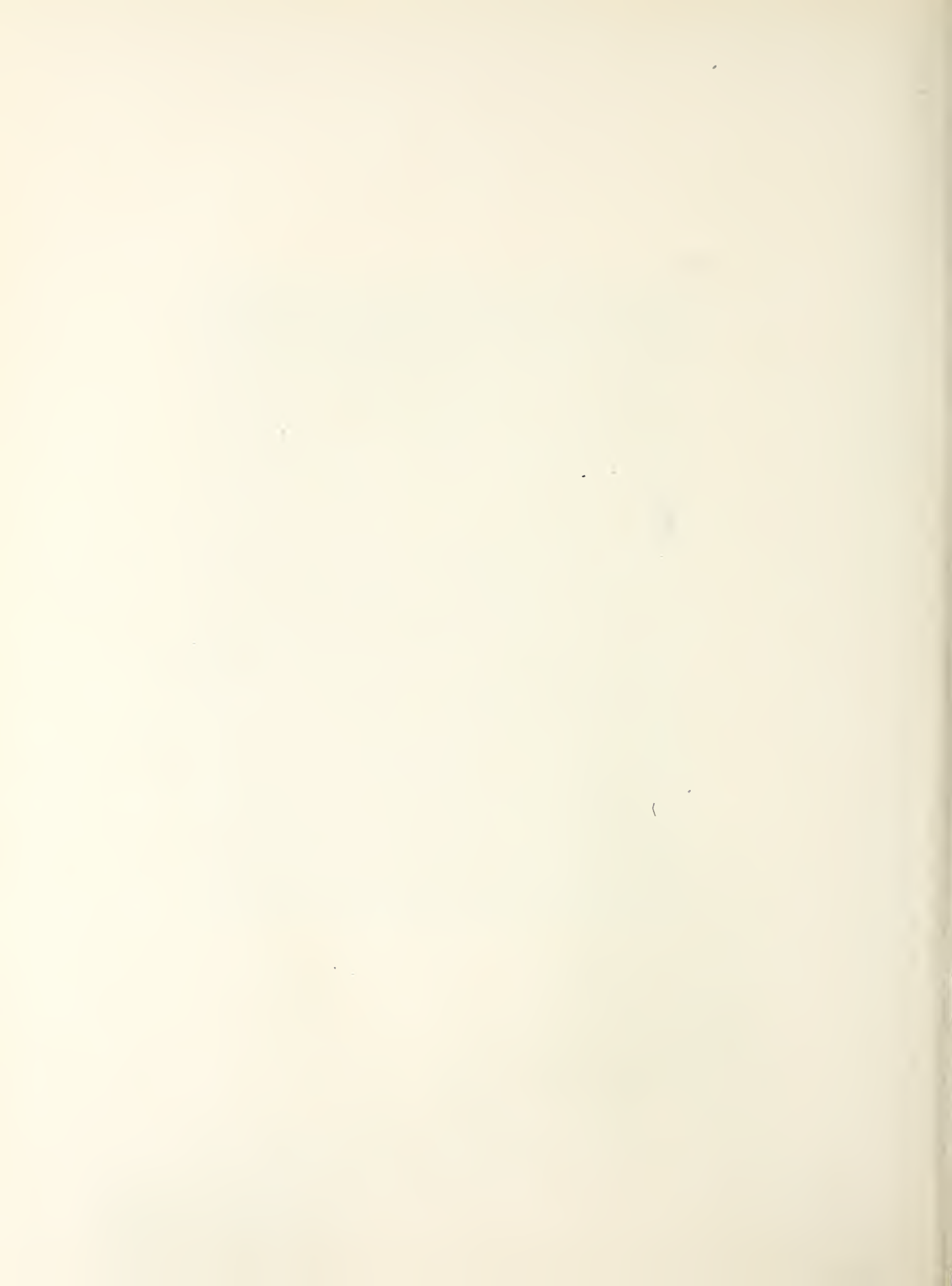


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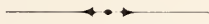
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picker of slate, remaining in and around there for about seven years. He then went into the Oak Dale shaft at Glen Carbon, Pa., as a laborer, and afterwards did rock work in the turrets at the same place, continuing until 1872. He then moved to the Thomaston Colliery in Schuylkill County, Pa., and followed mining for seven years, working some of the time as a miner and the rest of the time as a fire-boss, holding the latter position from April, 1883, until January 6, 1888, when he went to Bear Valley Colliery and accepted the position of inside-foreman, which position he still holds.

Mr. Purcell married Mary Shore, a daughter of Michael Shore, and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Patrick; Robert; Mary; Julia; and Ella.



**D**R. FRANCIS J. MEEK is a son of Martin and Agnes (Duszynski) Meek and was born September 27, 1868, in the Province of Posen, Prussian Poland. He immigrated to this country with his parents at the age of six years, his parents coming direct to Shamokin, and the boy entered the public schools, working around the breakers during the summer months. At the age of fifteen years Francis had completed his primary education in the public schools in and about Shamokin, and with private instruction, after which he found employment as an apprentice in a drug store at Mount Carmel. Two years later he successfully passed the examination of the pharmaceutical state board of examiners and was qualified to act as a druggist's assistant.

In 1888 our subject entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, but the following term found him with a depleted bank

account, so that he was compelled to return to the drug business in order to earn sufficient funds to allow him to complete his medical course, the next term. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in May, 1892, after having taken a full course in general medicine and surgery. Dr. Meek then returned to Shamokin and immediately began the practice of his chosen profession. He was successful to a marked degree in building up a large practice and in 1896 took into partnership his brother, Dr. J. Florian Meek, who had just completed his medical course and received his diploma; their business has continued to prosper and they now enjoy a practice second to none in the borough.

Dr. Francis J. Meek is an honored member of the Northumberland County Medical Society. His practice consumes his time so completely that he often is obliged to further pursue his studies at night in order to keep pace with modern medical science. He is a pleasant gentleman and has many friends who appreciate his zeal and progressiveness.

Martin Meek, our subject's father, was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Agnes Duszynski and their family consisted of six children, four of whom are still living, as follows: Francis J., subject of this sketch; J. Florian, a brief sketch of whom is herein given; Stanley, who is now a soldier in the U. S. volunteer army in Cuba, serving in Company E, 12th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and after his time has expired and he has been honorably discharged from this service, it is his firm intention to join the regular army of the United States; and Anna, a charming and accomplished young lady.

Dr. J. Florian Meek, brother of our subject, was born January 24, 1875, in Shamokin, Coal township, Pa. At the age of eleven years he began to pick slate in the breakers, and at

the age of fourteen began to work in the mines. He continued to work in the mines in summer and to attend school in winter until 1892; thus his early education was obtained in the public schools in and about Shamokin; subsequently he entered the Shamokin Business College, graduating in 1892. Soon after completing this business course he entered a preparatory school in Philadelphia, and in 1893 enrolled himself as a student at Jefferson Medical College, where he took a course of lectures. He completed his medical education at the Baltimore Medical College, graduating therefrom in 1896, and at once returned to Shamokin, where he successfully passed the state board examination, and became associated with his brother in the practice of his profession.

The publishers of this volume take pleasure in announcing that on preceding pages, in connection with the above life account, excellent portraits of Drs. Francis J. and J. Florian Meek are shown.

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**I**SAAC MOWREY, one of the successful and enterprising farmers of Columbia County, residing in the section of Montour township, known as Dutch Valley, where he owns a tract of fifty-six acres of as fertile land as the county affords, is a son of John and Catherine (Wireman) Mowrey, and was born near Danville, Montour County, Pa., March 17, 1832.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany and came to America almost a century and a half ago, locating in Eastern Pennsylvania, probably in Montgomery County. His son, Peter Mowrey, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer in Montgomery County for many years, but during his latter days was engaged

in tilling the soil near Seneca Lake, N. Y. He was the father of the following children: Peter; John; Jacob; Joseph; Isaac; Christianna; and Elizabeth. They all remained in the state of Pennsylvania excepting Isaac, who moved to Michigan, and Joseph, who went to Brown County, Ohio.

John Mowrey, our subject's father, was born in Montgomery County and removed to what is now Montour County, then Northumberland, about 1820. He learned the trade of a stonemason, but after moving to Montour County he purchased a farm one mile east of Danville, which was but partially improved. He built a stone and a brick house, which are still standing on the property. He was also engaged in mining ore to a considerable extent on his own farm and became a very prosperous man for those times. In religious belief he was a member of the Reformed Church. He was joined in wedlock to Catherine Wireman, a daughter of Jacob Wireman of Montgomery County, and they became the parents of nine sons and four daughters, a record of whom is as follows: Jonas, Charles, Mary, William, Henry, and Peter, all deceased; Jacob, a resident of Michigan; Isaac, the subject of this personal history; John, who lives in Northumberland County; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. B. F. Shultz; Michael S., of Michigan; Sarah, the wife of Otis Knapp of Montour County; and Catherine, the wife of Michael Breckbill, an ex-sheriff of Montour County.

Isaac Mowrey was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools of his native town. As his ancestors were all members of the agricultural class it was but natural that he should also chose farming as his life occupation. He was engaged in farming until 1851, when he began working in iron ore mines in the vicinity, continuing until 1854,

a period of three years. He then moved to Columbia County and purchased his present excellent farm, about a quarter of a mile distant from Grovania, which he has since been engaged in cultivating. He is a very industrious man, of careful habits, and during his active life has accumulated considerable property. He also owns another farm consisting of 101 acres of good land in Dutch Valley.

In 1854 Mr. Mowrey chose as his life-companion Eleanore Yost, a daughter of the late John G. Yost of Bloomsburg, by whom he had four children: George, a farmer of Montour township, who married Elizabeth Lazarus and has four children, Guy A., Ursa M., Dora S., Ruth E.; Olevia, who died at an early age; Mary Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of D. E. Heberling, by whom she had three children, namely,—Elanora, Bertha May, and Pearl E.; and Lloyd Franklin, a ticket agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Wilkes-barre, who married Hattie R. Bidleman, and has had two children, R. Blair, deceased, and Lloyd Glenn.

**P**ETER WENDLING, outside-foreman of the Bear Valley Colliery, is a son of Adam and Phoebe (Wentz) Wendling, and was born January 31, 1867, near Patterson, Schuylkill County, Pa.

The grandfather on the maternal side was Peter Wentz, a native of Germany, who never came to America. The father of our subject, Adam Wendling, was a coal miner, and a resident of Schuylkill County, Pa. To him and his wife were born ten children as follows: Mary, Emma, Louisa, Rose, Kate, Phoebe, Sarah, Adam, Peter the subject of this sketch, and George.

Peter Wendling, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools, and began work in the factory at Manayunk at

the age of thirteen years and continued for two years when he went to Shenandoah. There he entered the breaker, picking slate and, alternately, working in various stores for about eight years. At the end of that time he took up outside work around the collieries near Shenandoah, remaining there until June 1, 1896. Prior to moving to Bear Valley Colliery, he was foreman at Schuylkill Colliery, Mahanoy City, Pa.

On October 15, 1891, our subject married Elizabeth Frost, and their union has been blessed with two children: Thomas Nelson and Phoebe Elizabeth. Mr. Wendling is well known in Northumberland County and has many warm friends. He is a member of Council No. 367, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Shenandoah, Pa.

**R**EV. THOMAS MISICKI, D. D., was born in Przeworsk, Galicia, Austria, December 31, 1866. He attended the schools of his native city and when ten years of age further continued his education at Cracow, where he attended high school for a period of eight years, studying the Latin, Greek, German, French and Polish languages, together with mathematics, geography, history and the physics; after graduating therefrom he entered the Catholic Seminary, where he began the study of theology. He completed his education and preparation for the priesthood by a four years' course at the Jagellonic Austrian University, and was ordained a priest by the late Cardinal Albin Dunajewski, Prime Bishop of Cracow, May 19, 1889, after which he visited Germany, France and Spain. During his extensive travels through these countries he prepared his doctorate of theology, and the degree of D. D. was conferred upon him February 1, 1892, which degree in Austria is given only to can-



didates passing four rigorous examinations showing proficiency not only in theology, history of the church and common law, but also a thorough knowledge of the four Eastern languages, viz: Hebrew, Syriac, Chaldaic and Arabic, as well as all Bible sciences. With the permission of the Austrian University, after four years of study in Latin and Greek, on August 30, 1892, he was made eligible as a teacher of these languages in Austria.

In 1893 our subject came to the United States and first located in Winona, Minn., where he was connected with the clergy of the St. Stanislaus Church for a brief period. His next pastorate was in Berea, Ohio, where he was appointed rector of St. Adalbert's Church in the Diocese of Cleveland, and, after a term of service there, he went to Meriden, Conn., as pastor of the Polish church, and while there enjoyed the distinction of being the only Polish priest in the state. A few months later he was transferred to Mount Carmel, where, under Bishop Thomas McGovern of Harrisburg (now deceased) he had supervision of one of the largest parishes in the state. He remained there until February 13, 1897, when he was transferred by the Bishop to the pastorate of St. Stanislaus Kostki's Church at Shamokin.

A brief history of the church is here appended. The Poles began to settle in and around Shamokin about the year 1854, but they worshiped with the members of St. Edward's Parish until the members of St. Stanislaus Kostki's Beneficial Society organized what has since grown into this big and growing congregation. Rev. Emanuel Goch, the first Polish priest sent to Shamokin, soon erected a small frame church at Race and Cherry streets, where the substantial rectory now stands. Rev. Joseph Juskiewicz was his successor, and in 1874 he broke ground for

the construction of the present brick edifice. There was a considerable number of Lithuanians here at that time and they joined with the Poles in founding the parish, but it required several years before sufficient funds could be raised for the completion of the edifice. The Poles and Lithuanians have since worked together harmoniously, just as their ancestors had done before coming to America. Bishop Shanahan dedicated the new church on December 8, 1881, but Rev. Florian Klonowski had been sent there on July 13, 1876. Soon after the completion of the church a parochial school was built; this has been changed into the rectory; and a comfortable home was also prepared for the Sisters of the Order of St. Francis. In 1893 a handsome three-story brick structure was added to the parish and is devoted entirely to educational purposes, and contains about 450 pupils, taught by seven sisters and a layman. The church membership includes about 2,800 souls in 650 families. Since Father Misicki took charge of this parish he has lifted \$3,500 of the church debt and added to the inside appearance of the church by remodeling and re-decorating. The decorator having charge of the work is Francis Baraldi of Philadelphia, one of the most famous decorators in Pennsylvania. The windows are from Munich, Bavaria, and cost \$225 each, and are works of rare artistic merit. Father Misicki is assisted in his labors by Rev. Francis Wengrzynowski.

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**J**OSEPH B. QUIRK, the genial superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company for the Shamokin district, was born at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., June 4, 1867, and is a son of Thomas and Alicia (McBarren) Quirk. Thomas Quirk was a native of Pottsville, the county-seat of

Schuylkill County, and died when our subject was very young.

Our subject received his education in the schools of Pottsville and Frackville; and, although these places could not then boast of having such good schools as at the present day, Mr. Quirk, by diligence and perseverance, made the most of his opportunities and thus secured a thorough education, and so far has thoroughly demonstrated that he can make practical use of his schooling.

After leaving school, at the age of eighteen, our subject began his career in life as a book agent, which occupation he followed for two years, discontinuing it then to engage with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, which he still represents. Mr. Quirk was stationed for one year at Tamaqua, a city of about 6,000 inhabitants. He proved himself to be such a successful solicitor that he was promoted by the company to the position of assistant superintendent, and on June 27, 1892, he was transferred to Shamokin, where he ceased to do actual soliciting and assumed the more important duty of putting out new agents, instructing them and keeping them at work. From time to time, as he learned new things about the business, more important work was entrusted to him by the company. For four years he continued to be assistant at Shamokin. Step by step Mr. Quirk succeeded in mastering all the particular features and methods of the business, and, being an apt reader of human nature, he put into execution many plans of his own for securing and retaining new solicitors; so well pleased was the company with his ability to organize that he was still further promoted and made superintendent of the Shamokin district May 11, 1896, which position he still retains. He now has under his supervision, besides Shamokin, the minor districts of Mount Carmel,

Sunbury, Milton, Danville and Bloomsburg. At each of these towns he has an assistant superintendent with a staff of men; the latter do the actual soliciting and collecting and turn over the money thus obtained to their superior, the assistant superintendent in charge of their town, who in turn reports to Mr. Quirk, his superior. In this manner all the business transacted in the district has to pass through Mr. Quirk's hands, and he alone is responsible for the success of the business.

Under Mr. Quirk's efficient management the business in his district has increased so rapidly that he now has a force of seven assistant superintendents and thirty-three field men, with a fine prospect for still greater increase in force.

In April, 1890, our subject was united in marriage with Emma Eveland, a most charming lady; their home has been made happy by the presence of four beautiful children, three sons and one daughter, namely: James, Ethel, Norman, and Harry.

Our subject is an earnest Republican, of firm views, and does much to further the interests of his party. Mr. Quirk can truly be called a self-made man, working his way from a common book agent, going from house to house to his present position, where he is living in affluent circumstances. His manner of discharging his duties reflects credit on his ability and is a source of pride and gratification to his employers. Mr. Quirk is a pleasant gentleman and is respected and admired by all who have the good fortune to know him.

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BURTON B. SMITH, a prominent hardware dealer, who is the junior member of Boughner, Goodwill & Company, in Shamokin, Coal township, was

born February 21, 1857, in Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of William C. and Diana (Cake) Smith, and a grandson of Samuel Smith of Philadelphia. He received a good practical education in the public schools of Shamokin, after which he was apprenticed and learned the printer's trade, and was the "devil" in the Shamokin Herald office. He continued to work for the Herald as a printer for a period of about seven years, and for two years was an equal partner with D. L. Sollenberger in the Shamokin Times. He then entered the employ of his father, where he remained for two years, and in 1884 engaged in the hardware business, his present occupation, from which he is reaping a neat competency.

William C. Smith, father of our subject, was a man of prominence and possessed in a very large degree the esteem and respect of all who knew him. He was born in Philadelphia, November 1, 1820, and attended the public schools of that city until he reached the age of eighteen years. Early in life he learned the trade of a machinist and entered the employ of Heywood & Snyder at Pottsville, remaining with them many years. He withdrew from their employ and established a business of his own in the same line in the same city, which he carried on successfully until the close of the Rebellion, in 1865, when he sold out. He subsequently accepted the superintendency of two collieries at Locust Gap, being employed by the Mammoth Vein Coal Company. These collieries are still in operation. He remained with that company four years, when coal operating engaged his attention, and his next enterprise was a partnership with his son-in-law, Jacob R. Keiser, at Lancaster Colliery, near Shamokin. They operated the colliery with much success until May, 1893, when they sold out to the Shipman Coal Company, realizing

a neat profit on their investment. At this juncture Mr. Smith retired from active business pursuits. A number of years prior to his death he was a director of the First National Bank of Shamokin. He married Diana Cake, who was born at Pottsville, August 7, 1824, and lived until January 22, 1897, surviving her husband, who died November 21, 1895. They were the progenitors of a family of five children, who were: Francis H., who resides at Pottsville, and carries on a truck business; Emma E., now deceased, who was the wife of Jacob R. Keiser; Ralph H., who died near Reading, Pa.; Warren M., who died in 1890 in Australia, and was an engineer in the employ of the English government.

Our subject was united in marriage with Lillian Evert, daughter of Daniel Evert of Shamokin. This happy event was consummated December 22, 1886, and their home is blessed with the presence of five children: Charles C.; William C.; Edwin F.; Martha E.; and Harold H. Mr. Smith is a member of Shamokin Lodge No. 255, F. & A. M., and his presence is highly appreciated at the meetings of the lodge.

JOSEPH SHARPLESS, an honored and highly respected citizen of the town of Bloomsburg, was for many years proprietor of a foundry on Center street and a leading business man, being one of the substantial citizens who made the town what it is to-day. Shrewd and energetic in his business affairs, he accumulated a handsome competency which enabled him to retire in 1879 and spend the declining years of his life in the peace and quiet of private life. He is a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Bonsall) Sharpless, and was born at Catawissa, Columbia County, December 6, 1808.

Our subject is descended from John Sharp-



less, a native of England, who came to America at about the same time as William Penn, and located in Chester County, Pa. There the family lived for many years, Benjamin Sharpless, the father of our subject, being the first to settle in this district. He was born August 7, 1764, and after reaching man's estate he learned the trade of miller. In 1795 he crossed the mountains and located in Sunbury, Northumberland County, where he operated a mill for two years in partnership with Robert Coburn, but later was associated with Enos Sharpless. He also was employed as a teacher in the schools for some time. In 1805 he disposed of his business and moved to Catawissa where he purchased a farm adjoining the village, which is now laid out in town lots, and carried on agricultural pursuits. Four years later he purchased a gristmill and conducted it with much success until 1812 when he built a paper mill in company with John Clark on the site of the present paper mill and manufactured paper by hand, making it of rags as pulp paper was at that time unknown. He lived a long and useful life and passed to his final rest May 28, 1857. He owned a fine home in Catawissa which was erected by him in 1835. In Philadelphia in 1782 he was united in marriage to Hannah Bonsall, a daughter of Edward Bonsall, and the following children blessed their union: Mary Ann, who married a Dr. Wadsworth; Eliza, who died at the advanced age of ninety-four years; Edward; William; Joseph, the subject of this biographical sketch; Bonsall, who died in infancy; John; Harriet, the wife of George Reifsnyder; Sarah, the wife of Louis Yetter; and Kersey J. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpless were faithful members of the Society of Friends and liberally contributed to its support.

Joseph Sharpless, our subject, assisted his

father in the paper factory until he attained his majority, when, in 1841, he went to Roaring Creek and engaged in the general merchandise business for five years. His next business venture was at Berwick, Columbia County, where he conducted a foundry for two and one-half years. He then became interested in the manufacture of charcoal and pig iron at Foundryville, at which he continued until 1849. He then moved to Bloomsburg and purchased the Morse foundry on Center street, where Mr. Rollin's house now stands, and there operated the Sharpless Foundry for thirty years. He was extensively engaged in the manufacture of stoves, coal-breakers, and other articles in that line and by the use of good judgment in his management met with almost unbounded success. His rise to a place of prominence in the affairs of the town was due entirely to his own efforts, as he began life without capital and step by step worked his way to the front rank. The career of this worthy gentleman is an excellent example of thrift and industry and the results thereof, and is well worthy of imitation by the coming generation. Since retiring from his foundry business in 1879 he has not been actively identified with any business although he is indirectly interested in several enterprises. Characteristic of the family, he has reached an advanced age and appears to be many years younger than the record shows. He is still active and light upon his feet, making from one to three trips to the postoffice every day regardless of the inclemency of the weather. His is a well known figure upon the streets of Bloomsburg and heartily enjoys paying his friends a visit at their places of business. He is a man who holds the esteem and respect of all for his many noble traits of character. He resides in a fine home on Main street which he erected



in 1854, and also owns considerable real estate in the borough, having erected many handsome residences.

On February 4, 1836, Mr. Sharpless was joined in a marital union to Mary Ellen Foster, who was born July 7, 1817, and is a daughter of John F. and Eleanor (Hallingshead) Foster. She has been a faithful and loving wife and mother, and a true help-meet to her husband in every sense of the word, adding materially to his success in business. She is enjoying the best of health and lives in the midst of a large circle of old friends by whom she is dearly loved for her true womanly character. This happy union has resulted in the birth of nine children, namely: Harriet R., born February 23, 1837, resides at home, adding to the comfort of her aged parents in their declining years. Lloyd T., a grocer by occupation, was born March 18, 1839, and married Mattie Wagon seller. Benjamin F., born May 22, 1841, was twenty years of age when he enlisted in Company A, 6th Reg. Pa. Reserves, in the Civil War, and continued in the service until mustered out in June, 1864. He then learned the trade of a moulder and in 1868 became a partner in the firm, Sharpless & Harman, proprietors of the Eagle Iron Works, and later succeeded to the ownership of his father's establishment at Bloomsburg, which he operated with good results until 1893, when he remodeled the building, which is located on the corner of Center and Sixth streets, and fitted it up for stores and dwellings. He now occupies a portion of it with a well stocked shoe store which is proving a very remunerative business. He was united in matrimonial bonds to Sophia Hartman, a daughter of Charles Hartman, by whom he has had six children, namely: Joseph L., a clerk, Charles H., a grocer, Ray F., Arthur, and two who died in infancy. He is

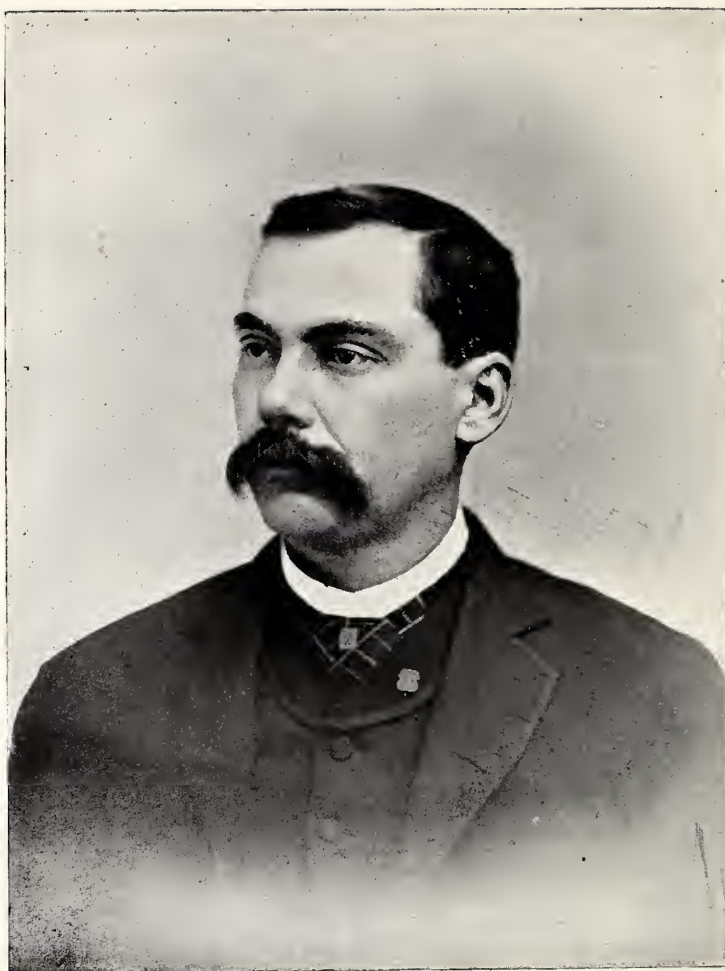
also president of the Bloomsburg Land and Improvement Company and is one of the good substantial citizens of the town. Loretta A., born January 4, 1843, is the wife of Jefferson Vanderslice; Clara, born November 12, 1844, died April 4, 1849. Elizabeth, born September 7, 1846, married Wesley Eyer. Araminta E., born November 24, 1848, married Jasper Wilson. Mary Ellen, born October 16, 1852, died September 9, 1853. Harry F., born October 4, 1863, is an extensive real estate dealer of Pueblo, Col.

Politically Mr. Sharpless is an unswerving Republican and has frequently served as councilman and school director. He and his beloved wife are liberal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they have been attendants for many years.

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**W**ILLIAM ELLIS STARR has followed the milling business ever since starting out in active business life, and is the lessee of the oldest mill in Sullivan County, Pa., the Lewis mill. He manufactures a high grade of buckwheat flour and wheat-flour, also does a large amount of custom milling. He is a native of Lycoming County, Pa., and is a son of Anthony and Hannah (Berger) Starr.

Our subject was intellectually trained in the schools of his native township and early in life learned the trade of a miller, which he has since pursued. In 1875 he located in Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County, and leased the old Lewis mill on Loyalsock Creek; the mill was erected by Charles Snell, our subject's ancestor. Mr. Starr has placed a new foundation under the mill and added another story; it has three sets of stones used for grinding. Our subject does all kinds of custom work and his flour always commands a





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good price on the markets, which tends to demonstrate its high grade. Mr. Starr has made many friends and customers by his strict attention to business and honest dealings and is performing all the duties of a good citizen.

Mr. Starr formed a matrimonial alliance with Maria J. Green, a lady of many excellent virtues, and a daughter of Wheeler Green, whose sketch also appears in this Book of Biographies. As a result of this happy union a family of six children blessed their home, as follows: Wheeler Lloyd, a miller by trade; Florence and Leon Anthony, deceased; Hattie Irene; Clyde Raymond; and John Sidney.

Mr. Starr is Republican in politics and has served as school director for fifteen years; religiously he and his family are attendants and liberal supporters of the Methodist Church.

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**JOHN WATSON BUCK.** Among the prominent and energetic business men of Sullivan County, Pa., is the gentleman named above and whose portrait appears on the opposite page, who is recognized as one of the leading merchants of Sonestown, where he owns a large general store. He is exceedingly popular in both business and social circles, and is ready to assist in all movements that tend toward the advancement and prosperity of his adopted township. He was born in what is now Strawbridge, Lycoming County, Pa., June 9, 1853, and is a son of Jacob and Hannah (Rishel) Buck, and grandson of John and Magdalena (Springer) Buck.

Our subject traces his ancestral history back to his great-grandfather John Buck, the founder of this prosperous family in the United States, who emigrated from Germany to America at an early date. He was the father of three children: Benjamin, Polly, and

John. John Buck, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Northampton County, Pa., September 23, 1807. He learned the trade of a gunsmith but engaged in farming the most of his life; he first settled in White Hall, Montour County, Pa., then removed to Sullivan County. For about two years he lived at North Mountain and then he purchased the farm now owned by Robert Taylor, Jr., at Muncy Creek; after residing there for some years, he removed to the state of Wisconsin, and later to Missouri, where he passed from this life at the age of eighty years. As a result of his marriage with Magdalena Springer he had the following children: Jacob, Lydia, Nancy, John, Mary, Phebe, and Eliza. All of these grew to maturity. His wife died at the age of about seventy-seven years.

Jacob Buck our subject's father, was born November 2, 1829, and in his early manhood worked in a saw mill until about 1860, when he bought a farm on North Mountain and for twenty-three years was engaged in farming, with the exception of one year, which he and his family spent in the West; but liking the climate here so much better, he concluded to return to his farm. At the expiration of that time he accordingly settled in Muncy Creek, Lycoming County, where he resided until his death and was the owner of one of the finest farms in that section of the county. He died March 17, 1899. He was married July 22, 1852, to Hannah Rishel, a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Phillips) Rishel, and granddaughter of Jacob Rishel. Joseph Rishel was a carpenter by trade; he also followed weaving and farming, pursuing the latter vocation during the major portion of his active days. He first settled in Bloomsburg, Pa., later in Davidson township, Sullivan County, but fin-



ally in Penn township, Lycoming County, where he died at the age of eighty-one years; his wife departed this life when aged eighty-four years. They reared three children, namely: George W., Hannah, and Martha. Our subject's mother was born June 2, 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Buck are the parents of the following children: John Watson, our subject; Martha Jane, who was born April 1, 1856; Lewis Harvey, born December 28, 1859, who is clerking in our subject's store, married Sadie Derrick, by whom he has two children—Harry and Clayton; James Leonard, born November 27, 1861, is clerking at Williamsport, and is married to Lizzie Hoffer, by whom he has one child—Ethel; Lucy Alda, born August 10, 1868, is the wife of Morgan Gavitt of Laporte, Pa., and they have reared three children,—Minicent, Blake, and Fredericka; Carrie Adella, born September 19, 1869, died January 21, 1898; Laurette May, born April 14, 1872, died June 9, 1898; Mary, born June 27, 1873, resides with our subject; and Annie Eliza, born June 27, 1875, who is residing at home most of the time.

John Watson Buck possesses a fine education and started out in life as a school teacher, teaching for five years and working at carpentering during the summer vacations; he then accepted a position with A. T. Armstrong of Sonestown. Remaining there a little over one year, he resigned and took one term at the Muncy Normal School and then accepted a position as clerk and bookkeeper with Jeremiah Kelly of Hughesville, Pa. Remaining there during the winter of 1881 and 1882, he then took a course at the Williamsport Commercial College, graduating December 12, 1882. His next position was with Mr. Armstrong of Sonestown, Pa., with whom he remained a year and a half; he then became bookkeeper and general assistant for the firm

of Hicks & Burnley of Williamsport, Pa. In 1885 he returned to Sonestown and again engaged with Mr. Armstrong, with whom he remained about two years. He then went to work for Bodine & Warn in Sonestown and for nine years acted as manager of their store. At the expiration of that time he bought out the firm; he also purchased the two-story building, in which the store was located, which was built in 1876 by Robert Whitaker. Mr. Buck immediately increased the stock, and now carries a complete line of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, gents' furnishings, hardware, paints and oils, and all kinds of farming implements; his store is one of the most complete general stores in the county, and by his honest and straightforward dealings he has built up a large and enviable patronage. He is enterprising and public-spirited, and enjoys the respect and good will of a large circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Buck was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Jennie Gavitt, a daughter of Peter Gavitt of Laporte township, Sullivan County, Pa., and they are the parents of five children, namely: Lela, Vera, Mildred, Staunton G., who died at the age of seven months; and Grant. Religiously he is a member of the United Evangelical Church, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal. In politics he is a Republican and served as school director five years. Socially he is a member of Sonestown Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand and past representative member; past chief patriarch of the Encampment of Laporte; and past president of Washington Camp, No. 344, P. O. S. of A. of Sonestown, Pa. During his many business changes, Mr. Buck has always held his residence in Sonestown and has never voted in any other place.

REV. CHARLES B. SCHNEDER, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church of Shamokin, is a son of Baltzer and Elizabeth (Bowman) Schneder, and was born January 5, 1861, at Bowmanville, Lancaster County, Pa. His education began in the public schools of his native township and was continued at the Keystone State Normal School of Kutztown, Pa., where he took part of his preparatory course. He afterward took a course at the academy at Lancaster, Pa., after which he entered Franklin and Marshall College, from which he graduated in 1885, being a salutatorian of the class. He then entered the Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., from which he graduated in 1888. On July 15, 1888, he was ordained and accepted as his first field of labor the Pine Grove charge, Schuylkill County, Pa. This charge consisted of five congregations, all surrounding Pine Grove. He remained connected with that parish until 1891, at which time he was chosen to fill his present responsible position in Shamokin.

Since his connection with the church in Shamokin our subject has been an untiring worker and has built the present edifice, costing about \$30,000. When he accepted the charge at St. John's the congregation numbered 456 members. Rev. Schneder is a man of pleasing address; he is generous and liberal in his sentiments, positive in his convictions, and firm in expression of his views. He has ever exhibited the genuineness of religious experience by living a true Christian life, and by his earnest efforts has added to his flock until his congregation now reaches a membership of 950, while his Sunday School numbers about 1,000. Rev. Schneder keeps abreast of the times by having all the subsidiary organizations connected with the church. He has served the church as a dele-

gate to the district and general synods. He has served on the board of beneficiary education and as a member of the board of trustees of the East Susquehanna classis, of which he is a member, and while in Schuylkill County was stated clerk of the classis.

Rev. Schneder is purely of German origin. The Schneder family in this country was founded by John Schneder, who came from Germany and located near New Holland, Lancaster County, Pa., where his remains lie buried. He was one of the earliest pioneer settlers and became a tiller of the soil; his broad acres were not easily counted, and late in life he was enabled to build a large, comfortable and substantial homestead, and within its doors strangers as well as old-time friends were entertained with generous hospitality. His eldest son was called Jacob, whose son, Baltzer, was the great-grandfather of our subject.

Amos Schneder, son of Baltzer and grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in Lancaster County, Pa. He was a veterinary surgeon and farmer and lived to the age of ninety-one years. His son Baltzer, our subject's father, was born in 1831 and still lives at the old homestead on his grandfather's farm enjoying the peaceful and quiet life of a farmer. He was originally a shoemaker, but later in life engaged in farming, and has since resided on the old homestead farm. He has taken a very active interest in church affairs, and is a firm believer in the doctrines of the Reformed Church of the United States. He is serving as an elder of that church at the present time. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Bowman, a pious lady, and their home was blessed by the presence of four sons and two daughters. Of these Sarah, the wife of James K. Fox, lives in Missouri; David B. lives in Sendai, Japan, where he is occupying

the chair of dogmatic theology in the Reformed Theological Seminary; Charles B. is our subject; Mary B. is the wife of David B. Bender, lives in Lancaster County, Pa.; Amos B. is at present a member of the junior class in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., is living temporarily in that city; and Martin died in childhood.

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**D**R. ROBERT A. KENNEDY, a prominent and successful practitioner and one of the most active citizens of Shamokin, Pa., is well known, not only in medical associations, but also in social circles throughout the Seventeenth Congressional District. After years of useful preparation, during which he was obliged to work his way through the medical college, Dr. Kennedy reached the goal of his ambition and became a full-fledged M. D., graduating from the Pennsylvania Medical University in 1881. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Shamokin, where he has energetically applied himself for years and succeeded in building up a substantial and lucrative practice, enjoying the reputation of being a very successful specialist in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. He thoroughly qualified himself for these special departments by taking courses of study in the best medical institutions in New York and Philadelphia.

Our subject was born August 12, 1853, in Shamokin, and is a son of William and Maria (Ammerman) Kennedy, and a grandson of Jonathan Kennedy, of Scotch-Irish stock, who emigrated from the North of Ireland and located in White Deer township, Lycoming County, Pa., where he is registered as having been one of the pioneer settlers of

that county. He engaged in agricultural pursuits and general development of the country. He was known to all, far and near, as a man of just and upright principles, full of progressive ideas about practical farming. He was a Whig and as such took a very active interest in local politics. He died at the old homestead in the community where he was honored and respected by all.

William Kennedy, father of our subject, was born at the family home in Lycoming County about 1818 or 1820. He was reared and educated in the common schools of his native county. While a young man he removed to Shamokin and was one of the earliest settlers of that place, going there early in the 40's; he was also one of the first merchants in Shamokin, where he carried on a successful and remunerative business until late in the 60's, when he located in Schuylkill County, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his days. He was united in marriage with Maria Ammerman and their union was blessed with five children. Death mercilessly robbed them of all except one, Robert A., the subject of this sketch. William Kennedy spent the closing years of his life in contracting and speculating. He died at the age of sixty-five years, having lived to see his only surviving son a successful physician and surgeon.

Our subject began his education by attending school in Shamokin, after which he took an academical course at Elysburg, and then entered Bucknell University at Lewisburg, from which he graduated in 1873, having conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Then began his struggle to obtain a medical education. He commenced to study medicine under a preceptor, Dr. S. M. Todd, in Berks County, at the same time engaged in teaching in the Mount Pleasant Seminary at Boyertown; this enabled him to







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take several courses of medical lectures at the Pennsylvania University, after which he succeeded in getting an appointment for one year at the city hospital of Wilkesbarre, Pa. He next went to Danville and studied under the late Dr. James D. Strawbridge, after which he was in charge of the drug store of Dr. Rankin at Muncy for about one year. He was then financially able to complete his medical education by attending the Pennsylvania University until 1881, when he graduated with honors as before mentioned.

Our subject was united in marriage with Sallie Magee, which happy event was consummated March 2, 1882. Four children have been born to them, only one of whom is living, Roberta A., who was born July 18, 1896, and is a joy and comfort to her parents. Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy are both consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and are very liberal supporters of it.

Dr. Kennedy was one of the organizers of the Northumberland County Medical Association and is also a member of the West Branch Medical Society of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and American Medical Association. He is an earnest Republican and gives his support to the nominees of that party. Educational matters have shared his generous support and for six years he cheerfully gave his time and services as a member of the school board of the city of Shamokin. He is an active member of the following lodges and organizations: Past master of Shamokin Blue Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory Scottish Rite Masons, consisting of 32 degrees; Rajah Temple Mystic Shrine; past president Washington Camp, No. 660, Patriotic Order Sons of America; Shamokin Council of the United

Order American Mechanics; Black Diamond Lodge, No. 1092, I. O. O. F.; past exalted ruler of Shamokin Lodge, No. 355, Order of Elks; and Liberty Hose Company of the Shamokin Fire Department.

PETER G. BOBB, deceased, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was a well known and much respected business man of Paxinos, Pa., and was born in Jackson township, Northumberland County, September 28, 1842. He was a son of Michael M. and Elizabeth (Gonsar) Bobb, of Jackson township, and grandson of Michael Bobb, a native of Germany, who was the first of the family to locate in Jackson township.

Michael M. Bobb, the father of our subject, was born September 28, 1812, at Big Mahanoy, Pa. He grew to manhood in Lower Augusta and followed the trade of a tailor there for about nine years. In 1852 he removed to Shamokin township, locating at Snufftown, where he worked at the tailor trade and farming. He later sold out and moved to Union County, near Mifflinburg, where he carried on farming, but he subsequently moved to Rockefeller township, where he resided, enjoying the fruits of his labor, until he departed this life at the age of seventy-two years. His wife survived him nine years, dying at the age of seventy-five. Mrs. Bobb was a daughter of Daniel Gonsar, a farmer of Jackson township who lived to the age of sixty-two years. Our subject's parents were members of the Lutheran Church. They had eleven children, namely: Mary Ann, now deceased, who married J. A. Treats, a resident of Snufftown; Daniel, who operates a planing mill in Sunbury, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased, who married William Biles of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Caroline, who was the

wife of Jacob Dundore, deceased, a cattle drover; Peter G., whose name heads these lines; Sarah, the wife of C. Frederick Lindig, a resident of Lewisburg, Pa.; William W., deceased; Michael, who died young; Franklin Pierce, who married Mary Bone, and now operates a planing mill at East Lewisburg, Pa.; and Louisa, widow of James Havens, who lives in Lewisburg. Mr. and Mrs. Bobb gave their children the benefits of an education in the public schools.

Peter G. Bobb lived at home until he was eighteen years of age, when he taught school for two years, and then clerked in a store at Paxinos for John Nesbit for three years. He was married in 1865 to Mary Jane Fisher, a daughter of John and Hannah (Yocum) Fisher, the former a miller of Paxinos. They became parents of four children and the three youngest still brighten their mother's home: Bessie, the first born, married John H. Kase, a farmer of Mayberry township, Montour County; Carrie Belle; Alfred Cameron; and Mildred P. After 1867 our subject went into the general merchandise business for himself at Paxinos and so continued until 1868, when he sold out to Thomas Metz, and then he clerked for three years. He was appointed postmaster of Paxinos and was not permitted to relinquish his position for twenty-three years. He was also appointed ticket and freight agent at Paxinos for the Northern Central Railroad in 1871, continuing until 1894. He then started the business now operated by his son, and dealt in farm implements of all kinds, harness, whips, coal and fertilizers, etc. He also owned two farms in Ralpho township. Mr. Bobb departed this life on February 8, 1899, and the business which he placed on a firm basis is being successfully conducted by his son, Alfred Cameron Bobb.

Politically Mr. Bobb was a firm adherent to the principles of the Republican party, but was not an office-seeker. The Methodist Church found in him a worthy and active member. He enlisted in June, 1863, in Company A, 28th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and was in service until June 27, 1863. Having lived in Paxinos for over forty years and having attained a position of prominence in the community, his success is often cited by his friends, who desire their children to emulate his example.

HENRY E. FAWCETT, who is extensively engaged in general farming and dairying, is a highly respected citizen of Elkland township, Sullivan County, Pa. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, September 3, 1857, and is a son of John and Phoebe (Bird) Fawcett.

His grandfather was Henry Fawcett, a native of England, who immigrated to America in 1819, locating on the farm now owned by J. Kline, Esq., in Sullivan County, Pa. It was a tract of timberland which had not undergone the improvements which civilization brings. He cleared a piece sufficient in size on which to build a cabin, and after its erection he and his wife lived there the remainder of their lives, working hand in hand, converting a vast wilderness into fields fit for cultivation.

John Fawcett, the father of our subject, was born in England in 1817, and was two years of age when his parents came to this country. His opportunities for obtaining an education were few, but he made the best of them and acquired a good business training. Upon reaching maturity he purchased the farm now owned by our subject, built a good house, and during the remainder of his days followed



farming, making great improvements on his property. In the latter years of his life he erected a new and modern home, the one in which Henry E. Fawcett now lives, but it was not entirely completed at his death. He was a man of excellent qualities and always aided those who had been less fortunate in life than he. He passed into the realms of the unknown September 21, 1881, and his death was greatly mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He married Phoebe Bird, a daughter of George and Sarah (King) Bird, who was born in 1813, and is now living with her son Asa in Elkland township, being a well-preserved woman for her years. The children resulting from this union were: Philinda, the wife of James Hart; Lydia, the wife of David McCarty; George; Asa, who married Lizzie Schrader; Sarah; Minerva, the wife of Wells McCarty; and Henry E., the subject of this personal history. Mr. Fawcett was a stanch Republican in his political affiliations; in religious views he was a Wesleyan Methodist.

Henry E. Fawcett was reared on his father's farm and educated in the district schools. The happiness and success of his father in the pursuance of agricultural pursuits influenced him in choosing farming as his life's work. He purchased the old homestead, improved it, and at the present time has a fine farm of 160 acres under a high state of cultivation. He is engaged in dairying and raises grain and other farm produce; and for many years he ran a threshing machine and was also engaged in the lumber and bark business. He is a man of good business capacity, and good results have attended his efforts on all sides.

Mr. Fawcett was joined in hymeneal bonds with Arvilla Mullen, a daughter of John and Selena (Woodhead) Mullen, and a descendant of an old and well-established family in Sullivan County. Anthony Mullen, the earliest

ancestor of whom there is any record, lived in New York City and was a drummer in the Revolutionary War. He was a sea captain and was finally lost at sea, leaving a very large property in New York City. His son, Charles Mullen, at an early day moved to Sullivan County, Pa., where he was given a tract of fifty acres by Dr. Joseph Priestley as an inducement for him to locate there. He cleared the land and built a log house, the work being greatly facilitated by the use of tools which he was enabled to make, as his trade was that of a blacksmith. He subsequently took up more land, but as he was at a distance of thirty miles from the nearest mill, he finally located on our subject's farm, where he died at the age of sixty-five years. He married Elizabeth Hoagland, and they reared the following children: Hannah; Charles; Joseph; Martha; William; John; and Anthony. John Mullen, the father of Mrs. Fawcett, was educated in the district schools and in the college of Jersey Shore, in which he took a complete course under Prof. Nehemiah Ross, graduating at the age of twenty-two years. He came into possession of the homestead property, and has since followed farming. He married Selena Woodhead, and the following children were born to them: Almeda, Cecelia, Lettie, Rose, Frank, Lillie, Janie, Arvilla, Melville, Clara, Charles, Luella, and Ada. Mr. Mullen was born in Elkland township, Sullivan County, March 1, 1821, and is now an honored member of that community.

Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett are the parents of two children: Lee and Lena. Politically Mr. Fawcett is very active and is one of the most popular men in the Republican party in Sullivan County. He was the party nominee for sheriff in 1895 and ran away ahead of his ticket, but was defeated by the small margin of sixty-five votes. He has served as constable,



school director, and superintendent of roads. In religious views he is a Wesleyan Methodist, and he and his wife both take an active part in church and sabbath school work.

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**D**AVID L. SOLLENBERGER, the popular postmaster at Shamokin, and one of the best known newspaper men of Pennsylvania, is a son of Samuel S. and Anna M. (Lehn) Sollenberger, and was born October 14, 1853, in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pa. At the age of sixteen years he became a compositor in the office of the Newville Pennsylvania Star, at Newville, Cumberland County, Pa., where he served three years; in 1873 he went to Pittsburg, Pa., where he worked at his trade as a journeyman until 1877, when he removed to Northumberland County and purchased the Watontown Record and published it ten months, when he sold out and bought a half interest in the Sunbury Democrat, and was associated with it until June, 1879. In November, 1879, he purchased a half-interest in the Shamokin Times, and continued in connection with it until 1891. In 1886 he formed a partnership with W. S. Ginterman and founded the Shamokin Daily Dispatch, which he continued to publish until 1891, when he severed his connection with the Dispatch and Times and entered a new field of labor, that of editing the Sunbury Evening Item.

August 24, 1894, during the latter part of the Cleveland administration, our subject was appointed postmaster at Shamokin. His popularity and worth as a public servant have been recognized by the head of the Postoffice Department at Washington and Mr. Sollenberger has been honored, as well as rewarded,

for his efficient service, by being continued in office under the present administration.

John Sollenberger, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1774, but removed to Cumberland County, locating in Monroe township, near Carlisle, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. He died in 1856, having attained the ripe age of eighty-five years.

Our subject's maternal grandfather was born in Lancaster County in 1794, and was a farmer by avocation; he died at the old homestead in Cumberland County in 1878, lacking but one year of having lived as many years as did his venerable father. Religiously, he was of the German Baptist persuasion. The grandfather on the maternal side was David Lehn.

Samuel S. Sollenberger, father of our subject, was born in Mechanicsburg, Pa., in 1830, and lived all his life in his native county. In the later years of his life he engaged in teaching school. He was a valued citizen, and his premature demise was deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. His death occurred in 1873, he having crossed the threshold of only forty-three years. The marriage of Samuel S. and Anna M. Lehn was blessed with but one child, David L., subject of this sketch, who was educated in the common schools of the county of his birth. He was a close student and by diligent application to his studies at school he acquired a good practical education. Politically our subject is a Democrat and always has taken an active interest in party work and is a successful party organizer. In 1884 he was a delegate to the Allentown state convention and an alternate to the national convention of the same year. Socially he affiliates with the Odd Fellows and is a member of Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., of Pittsburg, Pa.

November 29, 1876, he married Annie A. Brown, an accomplished and charming lady.





GEORGE J. HIGGINS.

and to them have been born five children: Erie G.; Helen Pearl; Mary G.; Vida C., who died August 22, 1898; and David B.

GEORGE J. HIGGINS, local agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad and also agent of the United States Express Company, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is among the well-known citizens of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa. He enjoys the distinction of being a self-made man in every sense of the word, having worked his way up from messenger boy to his present responsible and lucrative position of freight and passenger agent at the above station. At the age of fifteen years he was an expert sound operator and was appointed operator at the Reading station at Shenandoah. He was a faithful and untiring worker and his promotion fell to him step by step. At the age of eighteen he was again promoted, to the post of assistant weigh-master at the Frackville scales, at which place he spent two and one-half years in weighing coal and then accepted the chief clerkship at the Reading depot in Shenandoah. In 1888 he was promoted to the position of station agent at Allenwood, on the Reading system, and two months later was transferred to a similar position at Locust Gap, where he remained until June 1, 1891, when his services were rewarded by another promotion and he was sent to Shamokin as station agent for the Reading.

Our subject was born in Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pa., July 27, 1865, and is a son of John F. and Margaret (Franey) Higgins, well-known residents of Shenandoah, and grandson of William Higgins, a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man, some eighty years ago, and located in

Schuylkill County, being one of Tamaqua's pioneer settlers, the entire region at the time being a vast, untouched wilderness. John F. Higgins, the father of our subject, was born in Tamaqua in 1837. He was a molder by trade; later in life he discontinued working at his trade and engaged in the shoe business. He died at Shenandoah in 1893, at the age of fifty-six years. He endorsed the principles of Democracy and took a very active interest in local politics; he was tax collector of Shenandoah in 1891 and 1892. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Higgins besides George J., the subject of this sketch: Alice, wife of Edward Ratchford, of Shenandoah, Pa.; William J., an undertaker of Mount Carmel, Pa.; John F., Jr., who is state senator of the Thirtieth Senatorial District, and lives at Shenandoah; Melissa M.; James C.; Nellie E.; Kate M.; Charles C.; Julia A. Most of the family live in Shenandoah, Pa.

On October 21, 1891, our subject was united in marriage with Julia M. Tobin, the accomplished daughter of John and Margaret A. (Turner) Tobin, well known residents of Shenandoah. They, with their two children, Margaret E. and John F., now reside at No. 1 South Shamokin street, Shamokin.

Mr. Higgins is a thorough railroad man, possesses progressive ideas, is popular with the masses, and makes an all-round ideal agent and citizen. He is an active member of Sunbury Lodge, B. P. O. E., of which he is exalted ruler; and is also a member of the Cresco Social Club of Shamokin, of which he is a trustee.

IGNATIUS B. BINDER, a worthy citizen and retired merchant of Shamokin, Coal township, is of German-Bohemian descent. He is a son of Joseph and Agnes



(Sterski) Binder and was born July 30, 1845, in Austria-Bohemia. His parents were natives of Bohemia.

The father of our subject was born in 1820, immigrated to America in 1873 and located in Northampton County, where he purchased a large farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. In this calling he met with much success, and after some years of careful work he finally died at Berlinville in 1884, at the age of sixty-four years. He and his good wife were parents of eleven children, three of whom died in the Old Country and the following grew to manhood and womanhood, besides our subject: Ferdinand, Anthony, Adolph, Albert, Philip, Mary, and Rudolph. Ferdinand, Anthony, Albert, Philip, and Rudolph are residents of Mauch Chunk, while Adolph lives in Berlinville and Mary is a nurse in St. Louis, Mo.

Ignatius B. Binder received a good education in his native country, where he also learned the butcher's trade. He immigrated to America several years before his parents, locating in Bethlehem in 1867, where he followed butchering about one year. He then removed to Catasauqua, where he carried on the same business for about two years, returning to Bethlehem again for a short time. He sold out his business to good advantage and spent some time traveling in the states and thus familiarizing himself with the scenery and customs of America. After spending three months in travel throughout the West he returned to the East and again embarked in business, following his trade quite successfully in Heidelberg, Lehigh County, Pa., then in Lehigh Gap, and finally located permanently in Shamokin in 1872. After being actively engaged in butchering for about twenty years he decided to discontinue the

butcher business. In 1893 he engaged in general merchandising, at which he prospered for two years. Having accumulated a snug sum of money and having no family depending upon him, he retired from active business pursuits, and he and his amiable wife are spending their days in comfort and ease, in a way to suit their fancy.

On July 10, 1870, Amelia Kautter became the wife of our subject. She is a daughter of Conrad Kautter of Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, and first saw the light of day February 4, 1845. Her sister, Paulina Slopey, widow of Edward Slopey, also resides in this country.

Our subject and his worthy wife were denied a family of their own, but one of his brother's children was taken into their home and they reared and loved her as their own. This was Mary, now the wife of Wesley Berren of Shamokin. Mr. Binder is a faithful member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church and is deeply interested in all work pertaining to the church.

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**F**RANK M. GROSS, M. D., a physician of good repute throughout Sullivan County, is a highly esteemed citizen of Forksville. He is a son of Dr. James D. and Ann (Brenizer) Gross, and was born at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pa., January 4, 1852.

James D. Gross, father of our subject, was born near Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, and was a son of Jacob and Catherine (Barnhart) Gross. The family on the paternal side came from Maryland, and his mother was a native of Cumberland County, Pa. The father was a man of high educational attainments and was a graduate of Dickinson Col-

lege at Carlisle, Pa. He chose medicine as his profession and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, after which he commenced practice at Shepherds-town, Pa. He later went to White Pigeon, Mich., and finally located at Flat Rock, O., where he died at the age of forty-three years. He married Ann Brenizer, a daughter of George Brenizer of Cumberland County, and they had but one child, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Gross passed away in her sixty-fifth year.

Frank M. Gross was but a child when his father died, and his mother passed away March 20, 1888. He attended the public schools of Mechanicsburg and later the Cumberland Valley Institute, being possessed of high ambitions and determined to obtain a good education. Noting the success attained by his father as a physician, he decided to study medicine, and entered the office of Dr. Harshbarger, now of New Albany, Pa. He graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1881, and, with a grim determination to succeed, he entered upon his practice at Burnt Cabin, Pa. He subsequently followed his profession in the following places: New Albany, Pa.; Forkston, Wyoming County, Pa.; Loomis, Mich.; Little Meadows, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Powell, Pa.; and in 1897 located at Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., succeeding to the practice of Dr. Ormsby and forming a partnership with Dr. Blake E. Gamble. He has attained a high degree of efficiency in the diagnosing and treatment of cases and his efforts have been attended by the best of results.

Dr. Gross was united in marriage with Armetta Simpson, a daughter of Isaac D. Simpson of Waverly, N. Y., and they have one daughter, Maud, who was born at West Auburn, Susquehanna County, Pa., June 12,

1881, and is a student of the Waverly Academy. Dr. Gross is an Odd Fellow.

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**W**ILLIAM G. HOLLISTER, a highly-esteemed resident of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Pa., is a well-known manufacturer of shoes, having followed that line of business ever since embarking in the business world. He is a son of Isaac and Jane (Mahood) Hollister, and was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., March 2, 1854. He is of Irish descent and is a grandson of Samuel Hollister, a native of Ireland, who, upon coming to this country, located in Schuylkill County, Pa., with his family.

Isaac Hollister, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland in 1828, and at an early age was brought to America by his parents. They resided in Schuylkill County until 1853, when they removed to Mount Carmel, Northumberland County. Isaac was a shoemaker by trade and throughout his life plied that trade with good success. In 1863 he was the only Democrat in the village, but with the courage of his convictions he cast his vote for Woodward, his party candidate for governor. He was at all times an enthusiastic supporter of the Democracy, but never aspired to office. Mr. Hollister was called to his final rest on July 20, 1895. His companion in life was Jane Mahood, who was born in 1830, and their happy union was blessed by the birth of eight children, a record of whom follows: William G., the subject of this biographical record; Samuel, a shoe merchant at Locust Gap, Northumberland County; Isaac H., deceased, who was appointed postmaster in February, 1894, and served until his death, on July 13, 1895; Lydia, deceased; Jane, the present postmistress of Mount Carmel, who was appointed to

succeed her brother upon his death; Mary Emma, who died at an early age; James, who resides at Mount Carmel and is a fireman at the Reliance Colliery; and Mary, who lives at Mount Carmel with her mother.

William G. Hollister, the subject of this sketch, was reared at Mount Carmel and received his education in the public schools, after which he learned the trade of a shoemaker with his father. He was quick of perception and in a short time was a very skilled workman for his years. He was but thirteen years of age when he completed his first pair of boots, and he has continued in shoemaking up to the present time. He carries a full stock of shoes, and for the past year also has been successfully engaged in the manufacture of mining and mill shoes, for which there is a good demand in that section. He is a reliable business man and is respected by his fellow-men wherever known.

On July 3, 1891, Mr. Hollister was united in marriage with Mary Cavanaugh, and four children have been born to them: Mary Gertrude; James; Joseph; William Leo; and Samuel Edgar.

JOHN McCLEERY, president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, through whose efforts it was organized in 1887, has for many years been prominently identified with business enterprises in Milton, Northumberland County, Pa. He is a man of great energy and strong personality and his efforts in various undertakings have met with gratifying and deserved success. He is a son of Dr. William and Margaret (Pollock) McCleery, and was born April 8, 1837.

Our subject's ancestors were natives of

Scotland, who, at the time of the early persecutions, established a home in Ireland, where Michael McCleery, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born. He had a brother John, who came to America and served as a captain in the Revolutionary War, being killed in the battle of Bunker Hill.

John McCleery, the grandfather of our subject, was born at the forks of the Conestoga, in Earl township, Lancaster County, Pa., October 13, 1767, and at an early age engaged in mercantile pursuits at Harrisburg. He later moved to Milton, Northumberland County, Pa., being among the first to engage in business there, and opened a general merchandise store on the corner of South Front street and Broadway, where Folmer's grocery store is now situated. He dealt largely in produce and grain, but the means of transportation to markets were very limited and he had to ship them down the river in arks to the larger cities, where he would trade for merchandise. He finally retired from that business and purchased a farm, which now forms a part of the William Cameron estate, and there successfully engaged in farming the remainder of his life. On September 23, 1802, he and Mary Lytle, who was born at Lytle Ferry, on the Susquehanna River, in Dauphin County, March 16, 1774, and was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Lytle, were united in marriage by Rev. Nathan Souden. Paternally she was of English descent, while maternally her ancestors were of Irish extraction. Their union resulted in the following issue: William; Sarah, the wife of John L. Watson, was born February 18, 1805; Joseph, born January 10, 1807; Jane, who married Rev. David X. Junkin, was born February 4, 1809; Elizabeth, born September 10, 1811; and Mary, born March 16, 1814, who wedded Rev. Nathan Shotwell.



Dr. William McCleery, the father of our subject, was born at Halifax, Danphin County, Pa., July 31, 1803, and early in life was brought to Milton by his parents, practically growing up with that borough. His education was obtained in the Milton Academy, Rev. David Kirkpatrick, D. D., principal. He then attended the Washington College at Washington, Pa., and later graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1827. He then entered upon the practice of his profession at Milton, and in a very short time established a very large clientage, which he retained until 1857, when he was succeeded by his son, Dr. James P., who is a prominent physician of the borough at the present time. He then lived in retirement for a brief period, gaining a much needed rest, but a state of idleness was antagonistic to his energetic temperament, and he was soon actively engaged in business, building at Milton the first steam saw-mill erected on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, it being situated where the car manufacturing establishment is now located. This saw-mill was erected in 1844. This he operated until death, which occurred on December 4, 1867, at the age of sixty-four years. He was originally a Whig in his political affiliations, as was his father, but he later became a Republican. He built the handsome residence in which our subject now lives, in which he spent his latter days. He was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock with Margaret Pollock, a daughter of William Pollock, and a sister of the late James Pollock, ex-governor of Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of the following children: Mary, born September 9, 1830, is the wife of Joseph D. Potts of Philadelphia; James P., a record of whose life appears elsewhere; Sarah, deceased, was born November 5, 1834; John, the subject of this

personal history; William P., born April 27, 1834, was a captain in the 18th Reg. U. S. Inf. in the Civil War, and later served against the Indians on the western plains,—he resigned his commission in 1868 and is now engaged in business at Troy, Pa.; and Julia J., deceased, who was born October 18, 1841, was the wife of Gen. Jesse Merrill. Mrs. McCleery died in 1842 aged thirty-six.

John McCleery was educated at the Milton Academy, Tuscarora Academy, Juniata, and in Princeton College, from which he was graduated in 1858. Immediately after leaving college he accepted a position as assistant principal of the Milton Academy, being associated with Rev. W. T. Wylie, and at the same time he read law with Hon. James Pollock, and continued until the Civil War broke out, when he entered the service, being mustered in June 1, 1861, as captain of Company H, of the 5th Regiment of Pennsylvania Reserves. He was severely wounded in the battle of the Charles City Cross Road in the seven days' fighting before Richmond, and was taken prisoner on June 30, 1862, being incarcerated in Libby Prison. There his health was impaired and he has never completely regained it as his injuries finally resulted in paralysis. Upon his release from Libby he was mustered out on account of his physical disability, but as he later greatly improved in health, he was mustered in as a lieutenant-colonel with the 28th Emergency Regiment at Harrisburg. After the close of the war he returned home and began to practice law, but the duties were too arduous for one who had undergone the great physical strain to which he was subjected during the war, and he finally gave it up. He has since been closely allied with all enterprises organized to further the interests of Milton. He was recently identified with the Milton Car Works; the Milton Rolling



Mills; is a director of the Milton Water Works; and is president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company. It was largely through his efforts that the latter was organized on February 17, 1887, it being incorporated with an authorized capital of \$250,000.00, one-half of which was paid in in cash.

Mr. McCleery was married June 6, 1866, to Mary Helen Marr, a daughter of David and Hettie L. (Davis) Marr, and a great-granddaughter of Joseph and Susanna (Price) Marr. Joseph was born in Northampton County, Pa., June 15, 1750, and in 1793 he came up the West Branch of the Susquehanna River to Turbot township, where he purchased of the widow of Turbot Francis a tract of 379 acres of land, it being a portion of the estate known as "The Colonel's Reward." It was a choice piece of land for which he paid five pounds per acre, and in 1793 he located upon it with his family. He lived there the remainder of his life, dying September 3, 1796; his wife died December 27, 1826. His wife's maiden name was Susanna Price, and she was born April 27, 1754. They had the following children: Mary, the wife of Robert Martin; Hannah, the wife of William Hull, whose sketch also appears in this work; David; William; Joseph; and Alem, a prominent attorney who has twice served as congressman. David Marr, the father of Mrs. McCleery, was born on the old-homestead, and was a farmer by occupation, owning two fine farms. He later became a railroad contractor and finally became a woolen manufacturer at White Deer Mills, Union County. He died at the age of forty-seven years. He married Hettie L. Davis and they had four children: Annie Eliza, the wife of John A. Grier; Mary Helen, the wife of our subject; William, who died in infancy; and Rebecca, who also died young. Mr. Marr formed a second union with Harriet

Matchin, by whom he had five children: William; Alem; Brainard; Alfred; and Jeanette.

Mr. and Mrs. McCleery have two children, namely: Edward Heber, a physician of Kane, Pa., who attended Lawrenceville School, was a member of the class of 1888 at Princeton, and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1890; and Margaret Pollock. Politically our subject is a stanch Republican, but has never accepted an office. He is a conscientious member of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he is a member of the G. A. R. post; and also the Union Veteran's Legion.

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**J**OHN WHITELEY, one of the most progressive residents of Elkland township, Sullivan County, is a man of sterling worth and integrity, and is one who has won his way to a high station in life through his individual efforts. He is a son of Joseph and Mary (Hague) Whiteley, was born in Lancastershire, Eng., March 31, 1838, and was christened in the Olden Episcopal Church.

Joseph Whiteley, the father of our subject, was born in England and was a cotton manufacturer by trade, being an expert in his line. In 1841 he emigrated from his native land to this country, locating in the city of Philadelphia; but, desirous of having a home of his own, he later removed to Sullivan County, where land could be obtained at a reasonable price and where many of his friends had previously located. In 1846 he bought fifty acres of land which had been little changed from its primitive state by the hand of man. After making a partial clearing he purchased an adjoining fifty acres which had been partly cleared by Mr. Ainworth, and upon which had

been built a house. Into that he moved with his family and subsequently purchased a third tract of fifty acres, all of which he cleared up and turned into valuable land. On this third tract one of the first clearings in the county had been made; at the time of its purchase it contained a log house, the floors of which were made of split hewed planks, and it contained the first panel door in the township. Our subject has about four feet of this planking and he prizes it very highly. This land has been divided and is now owned by three persons: J. Barnes, who has the homestead; A. Dey, Esq.; and Mrs. Bryan. Joseph Whiteley was a man of great industry and untiring in his energy. In the summer months he lived upon the farm and cultivated the soil, whilst during the winter he worked at his trade in Philadelphia, following that plan for several years. When he came to Sullivan County he was not very well provided with the world's goods, owning a grey horse, a wagon, and fifty cents, but he led an exemplary life and at the time of his retirement to Forksville, a short time prior to his demise, he was a well-to-do man. The only part remaining of the wagon in which our subject came to Sullivan County is the singletree bolt. Both Joseph and his wife lived to reach an advanced age and lie buried in the Bethel Cemetery. His union with Mary Hague resulted in the following offspring: Ann, wife of John Wright; John, our subject; William, a veteran of the Civil War; Elizabeth, wife of William C. Marsden; Martha, wife of Daniel Bedford; and Mary, wife of E. W. Snell. In religious views he was strongly attached to the established English Church. Politically he was a Whig and later a Republican, serving as school director, supervisor, and in minor township offices.

John Whiteley, the subject of this sketch,

attended the public schools and farmed with his father for a time, after which he peddled Yankee notions with much success. He next bought a farm near Bethel Church consisting of 114 acres, erected new buildings, and has since followed farming. He is a hustling and energetic man, and in whatever line he has engaged has been very successful. He is a man of strong character, leads an honest life, and has a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

Mr. Whiteley was joined in wedlock with Elsie Dikeman, a daughter of Parks Dikeman of Tompkins County, N. Y., and they have five children: Joe, a stock dealer, who married Ada Walker, and has two children, Renie and Vibert; Mary, who was a school teacher and postmistress for several years and is the wife of Orville Bartow, and has three children, Earl, LaRue, and Brice; Ora, wife of Eugene Avery, who has one child, John Roy, and taught school for three years; Susie, a musician; and Roy, fourteen years old, who lives at home.

Mr. Whiteley is a Republican in politics and has served several years as auditor and poormaster.

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JAMES VISICK, a prosperous and enterprising business man of Mount Carmel, Pa., is efficiently serving in the position of outside-foreman of the Pennsylvania Colliery. He is a son of Theophilus and Elizabeth (Moyle) Visick, and was born in the County of Cornwall, England, March 23, 1848.

Mr. Visick traces his ancestry on the paternal side to a French Huguenot origin, and on the maternal side to Scotch-Irish.

Theophilus Visick, the father of our subject, was a resident of the most active and wealthy

parish in the wonderfully rich mining district of County Cornwall. He was a machinist by vocation, and throughout his life worked at that trade about the copper and tin mines.

James Visick was educated in the common schools of his native town, after which he learned the trade of a machinist and engineer, at which he continued until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he set sail for this country. He first located at Mt. Riga, Dutchess County, N. Y., where he plied his trade with good results for four years, in connection with other branches of the mining business. He acquired an extended knowledge of the business and in 1873 accepted a position in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania, erecting machinery for Mr. Holden Chester at the Luke Fidler Colliery. His next position was with the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, by which he was employed to look after machinery. He remained with that company until after the Union company was organized, and on December 1, 1884, became outside-foreman of the Pennsylvania Colliery at Mount Carmel, Northumberland County. He is a man of ability, faithful to the best interests of his employers, and stands high in the estimation of his fellow-workmen and fellow-citizens.

Mr. Visick was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock with Anna Maria Brey, August 11, 1868, and they are the happy parents of the following children: Minnie, who is at home with her parents; William, who is a blacksmith at the colliery; Gifford, who also resides at home; and Myrtle.

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**J**OHAN F. WELSH, whose wide experience in mining operations makes his services invaluable as inside-foreman of the Burnside Colliery, Shamokin, Pa., is

a gentleman who has ever exerted a powerful influence in behalf of the working man.

In 1852 he came to the United States, locating in New York City. In the spring of 1853 he crossed the continent and settled in California for a period of four months, when he joined Walker's filibustering expedition to Nicaragua. Afterwards he went to New York State, where he enlisted in the Federal Army during the Civil War, serving with credit for a period of three years. The war having closed he returned to England, where he married, but soon after again came to this country, taking up mining at Tonsville, Schuylkill County, Pa. This has since been his vocation, and with the exception of some time spent in the copper regions of the United States and the gold fields of Alaska, he has mined in the anthracite coal region. He has always been devoted to the best interests of his employers, who value his services highly, and stands among the foremost men of the borough.

For the advanced position he took in the furtherance of the interest of his fellow-workmen he attained much prominence in the mining circles, and in 1878 the appreciation of his efforts were shown by his election to the State Legislature of Pennsylvania from the Second District of Schuylkill County. He served two terms in that capacity and his career at Harrisburg was marked by the greatest activity. He opposed all measures which in his opinion were not for the public welfare, and aided in passing a number of bills which are now laws, among them being: the Night School Bill, the Store Order Bill, and the Ambulance Bill. He also strongly advocated the eight-hour law, which never passed through the House, and his honest efforts were heartily commended by organized labor bodies throughout the country. He was also at one time nomi-







JAMES U. M. SHEW.

nated for State Senator from the Schuylkill district. In 1875 he was president of the anti-monopoly committee that met in Harrisburg, which organization wielded a potent influence in the presidential campaign that followed.

Mr. Welsh was one of the organizers of the Miners' and Laborers' Benevolent Association of the anthracite coal region, of which he served as president for three years. He served as president and also as vice-president of the Industrial Congress of the United States, a mark of high distinction. He was the first member of the Knights of Labor in Schuylkill County. He came to Northumberland County in 1886 and since that time has taken no active part in politics.

**J**AMES U. M. SHEW, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, one of the bright and hustling young business men of Light Street and general superintendent of the Bloomsburg Paper Mills, was born in Gunpowder, Baltimore County, Md., May 6, 1869. He is a son of James M. and Anna Mary (Fisher) Shew, and grandson of Joseph and Mary (Shew) Shew.

Joseph Shew, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of London, England, who, when young, immigrated to America, locating in Baltimore County, Md., where he engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He was also a surveyor and followed that profession in connection with farming. He was constable of his township and was a veteran of the War of 1812, serving as an emergency man at Baltimore, Md. He was united in the bonds of wedlock with Mary Shew, a native of Virginia, and they reared a family of four children, namely: James M., the father of our subject; Henry, who died while en route for

Denver, Col., on business in behalf of the Order of Railway Conductors,—he was a conductor on the Baltimore Central Railroad a number of years; Jacob, who resides at Port Deposit, Md., and is a machinist and engineer by trade; and Mary, the wife of Charles Heiser of Baltimore, Md.

James M. Shew, father of our subject, was born in Baltimore County, Md., September 9, 1831, and at the age of seven years began working in the paper mills of Baltimore County, which were owned by William H. Hoffman. He remained in the mills forty-four years, during which time he was promoted several times, in 1858 being made manager of the entire plant, which consisted of four mills, Gunpowder, Marble Vale, Clipper, and Rockdale, all of which are located in Baltimore County. Later he removed to Bloomsburg and purchased a half interest in the Trench Paper Mills of Fishing Creek township, the firm being known as Trench & Shew; two years later he returned to his former employers and again managed the Baltimore mills for three and one-half years. He is now a resident of Light street. He is owner of the Bloomsburg Paper Mills, and also conducts a blacksmith and repair shop. Politically he is an unwavering Republican and firmly upholds the principles of his party. On February 6, 1852, he was wedded to Anna Mary Fisher, a daughter of Lewis Fisher of York County, Pa., and a family of eleven children blessed their happy home, namely: Sarah, deceased; Margaret J.; Lydia, who wedded Robert J. Ruhl; Rebecca, the wife of John B. Kidd of Baltimore, Md.; Mary, united in marriage to D. S. Richards of Baltimore, Md.; James U. M., the subject of this review; Josephine, wife of George B. Smith of Scott township, Columbia County; Irene, who married W. M. Ent of Light Street, Columbia

County; Phoebe; and John W., a paper manufacturer of Bloomsburg. The father of our subject is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg; Bloomsburg Chapter No. 218, R. A. M.; Mt. Moriah Council No. 10, R. & S. M.; Crusade Commandery No. 12, K. T.; Orient Conclave, No. 2, Red Cross of Constantine; and Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32nd degree, N. M. J.

James U. M. Shew received his intellectual training in the public schools of his native town and at the age of eighteen years began working in the paper mills of Bloomsburg, which were owned by his father. Since 1894 our subject has been general superintendent of the mills and is one of the most popular workmen in the plant. He is also recognized as one of the most valued citizens of Bloomsburg and is held in high esteem for his many excellent traits of character.

Mr. Shew is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M. of Bloomsburg. Politically he is an ardent Republican. On May 23, 1888, our subject was united in the bonds of matrimony with Permelia A. Brown, a daughter of the late Charles Brown, and they are the parents of two children: Guy, and Helen Martha. Dr. Fredrica, the maternal great-grandfather of our subject's wife, was a native of France and was a physician in the American Army during the Revolutionary War. Joseph Brown, the paternal grandfather of our subject's wife, was a resident of Bloomsburg and was the progenitor of a family of sons, namely: William H., bookkeeper and paymaster on the Lehigh Valley R. R. and a resident of Cunningham, Pa.; Hiram, a resident of Beech Haven, Pa.; George, proprietor of the Central House of Bloomsburg; Clark, died at Hamburg, Pa.; and Dr. Robert, deceased, who was a well-to-do physician residing at Tower Hill, Pa.

Charles Brown, the father of Mrs. Shew, was born in Bloomsburg and during his younger days learned the trade of a tailor which he followed a number of years. He was for some time foreman in the tailor-shop owned by George Burch of Manayunk, Pa. He passed from this life February 29, 1887, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was well versed in Masonry. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Church. He was united in wedlock with Lydia Fredrica, a daughter of Henry Fredrica, formerly a resident of Mifflinville, Columbia County, Pa. Five sons and two daughters blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, namely: Clark W.; Joseph, deceased; E. Reed; Albert C.; Daniel L.; Martha J., wife of William Newman; and Permelia A., wife of our subject.

**J**OHN McELWEE. Another prominent and popular business man, well and favorably known in railroad circles in the Seventeenth Congressional District, is our subject, who is special agent for the Northern Central R. R. Co. He is actively engaged in looking after the interests of the company in any and every line in the vicinities of Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Hazleton, Pottsville, Tamaqua, and other sections. His interests are closely identified with those of the company he represents; and as he is thoroughly alive and energetic, he is quick to secure advantages for the company in detecting and reporting impositions and frauds.

Mr. McElwee is of Irish descent, as his name indicates, and was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1843. He is a son of George and Mary (Morrison) McElwee, and immigrated to America when about eighteen years old, having received his education in Ireland.



He first located in Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pa., for a short time, but subsequently moved into Luzerne County. Not being favorably impressed with his abode, and believing the advantages were better at his former place of residence, he returned to Tamaqua in 1862 and remained there about one year, when he again moved, locating in Shamokin.

Our subject found employment in and around the mines until April 25, 1865, when he entered the employ of the Northern Central R. R. Company as brakeman, was soon advanced to the position of fireman, and finally appointed a conductor. At this post he was always pleasant and accommodating, but scrupulously exact and honest in the discharge of his duty, and served the company so well in this capacity that he was still further promoted to the position of yard-master in 1872. His proficiency in performing the duties of this position is fully attested by the fact that he remained yard-master for a period of twenty-four years, discontinuing in 1896 to accept his present confidential and trusted position, that of special agent, as before mentioned.

Mr. McElwee carefully avoids being drawn into the meshes of politics. He is such a thorough railroad man that he takes little interest in matters not pertaining to the success of his company. Our subject was twice married and has two children as the result of his first marriage: John H., born January 20, 1867, now in the employ of the Northern Central R. R. Co. in the capacity of engineer; and Mary Jane, born August 30, 1876, who resides at home.

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**S**AMUEL F. GILBERT, M. D., a physician of well-known repute, now living in Elysburg, Northumberland County, Pa., is a son of Jacob and Susan (Fet-

terhoff) Gilbert, and was born in Halifax township, Dauphin County, Pa., August 4, 1845.

The paternal great-grandfather, Samuel Gilbert, was born August 10, 1743, and died April 18, 1826. He married Catherine Saul, who was born December 11, 1757, and died June 11, 1805. He was a tanner and lived in Lebanon County, Pa. The grandfather, Jacob Gilbert, was born April 2, 1783, in Lebanon County, and moved, in 1815, to Lykens Valley and later to Millersburg. His first wife was Elizabeth Long of Dauphin County, who was born March 17, 1785, and died February 19, 1827. His second wife was Elizabeth Mark, who was born December 23, 1783, and died April 10, 1854. His first union resulted in six children: Samuel, born October 2, 1805; John, born December 12, 1806; Jacob, our subject's father; Sarah, born September 24, 1809; Catherine, born August 30, 1812; and George, born December 31, 1813, and died November 10, 1869.

Jacob Gilbert, the father of our subject, was born near Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa., February 24, 1808, and married Susan Fetterhoff, daughter of Col. Fetterhoff of Lykens Valley, Dauphin County; Mrs. Gilbert was born February 20, 1808. Jacob Gilbert was a farmer, miller and tanner by trade, and carried on farming in Halifax township the greater part of his life, dying there on June 10, 1888. He was very active in politics, being a staunch Republican, and holding many offices. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, being one of the leading workers. His wife died in 1882. They had nine children, as follows: George, a retired farmer living in Halifax, Pa., who was born December 11, 1829, and married Lavinia Garman; John, born December 23, 1831, died April 21, 1853; Mary, born July 7, 1834, married Paul Riland,



a retired farmer of Halifax, Pa.; Elizabeth, born May 6, 1837, married Amos Grim, and they live in Halifax, Pa.; Sarah, born September 16, 1839, died September 28, 1842; Catherine, born December 16, 1841, died January 9, 1842; Jacob, born April 21, 1843, died March 16, 1844; Samuel F., our subject; Isaac, a retired farmer of Halifax, Pa., born April 29, 1849. The children were all educated in the public schools.

After completing his education Dr. Gilbert taught school for five years and then attended Lebanon Valley College. In 1870 he entered the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated in 1872, when he at once began practicing in Sunbury, Pa. He then moved to Augustaville, Northumberland County, Pa., where he practiced for four years, going from there in 1876 to Elysburg, Pa., his present location. He was married on February 17, 1876, to Ella Seasholtz of Upper Augusta township, a daughter of Jacob and Ruth (Rockefeller) Seasholtz, both of Upper Augusta township. Mr. Seasholtz was a contractor. He is dead, but his wife still resides in Upper Augusta township. Dr. Gilbert took up the practice of Dr. Robbins of Elysburg, and has built up a very large and lucrative clientage in Northumberland County and adjoining districts. The Doctor has several farms and also owns the Dr. Robbins homestead, on which he now lives. He is a strong temperance worker, a member of the F. and A. M. Lodge, No. 414, of Elysburg, and an attendant of the Reformed Church, of which his wife is a member. He has been blessed with several children, as follows: Amy E., born August 11, 1879; Carrie C., born August 17, 1880; Ruth, born April 3, 1887; and Grace, born February 2, 1889; all of whom reside at home. The people of Elysburg and vicinity speak only in the highest terms of Dr. Gilbert, and he has

a host of warm, well-wishing friends. He began the battle of life a poor boy, but with untiring energy and unflinching will he has reached the goal of success.

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**F**Q. HARTMAN, one of the well-to-do and influential citizens of Danville, Pa., who is the proprietor of the Nemoloton Silk Mills of that town, was born at Scranton, Pa., May 3, 1861, and is a son of John G. Hartman, deceased, who was a native of Germany and a mechanic by trade.

F. Q. Hartman possesses a good education which he received in the public schools of Scranton. Leaving school when a mere lad he sought employment in the Sagnoit Silk Mills of Scranton remaining with that company many years during which time he became thoroughly familiar with the manufacture of silk. His wide experience in business affairs attracted the attention of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company officials who offered him a position as assistant-paymaster of the railroad, which position he accepted; not only did he fulfill his duties with great credit to himself but to his superior officers as well, and upon his resignation from that position of trust he was begged to reconsider his action, and as an inducement, he was offered an increase in salary, but our subject had determined to enter into business on his own account. He removed to Danville and erected a large two-story brick building 53 by 125 feet on Water street and engaged in the manufacture of silk. The mill is equipped with sixteen thousand spindles and gives employment to about three hundred hands who are kept constantly busy in order to keep up with the orders. In 1896 the mill was destroyed by a cyclone and our subject sustained a severe loss; he immediately re-





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built and enlarged the mill, which is equipped with the most modern machinery. The mill is lighted throughout by electricity, which is supplied by its own dynamo.

Our subject was united in the bonds of matrimony to Genevieve Atwood, a daughter of Eugene Atwood, a silk manufacturer of Stonington, Conn. Mr. Hartman is considered an important factor in the business and industrial interests of Danville, aiding materially in developing its resources.

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**G**EORGE G. BAKER, the well-known undertaker of the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, and a member of the firm, Baker & Wanich, manufacturers of the U bed spring, is a son of Frederick H. and Jane (Seward) Baker, and was born in Huntingdon, Luzerne County, Pa., October 20, 1864.

Frederick Baker, the father of our subject, was born in Cambria, Pa., where he followed farming and milling and was a very prosperous man. He was united in matrimonial bonds with Jane Seward, who was a native of Fairmont Springs, Pa., and they reared a family of children, one of whom was George G., the subject of this personal history.

George G. Baker was reared on his father's farm and after attaining man's estate went to Shickshinny, Luzerne County, where he became an undertaker and cabinetmaker, under the tutelage of John L. Pealer. He opened a business at Pleasant Hill in connection with John Baker, continuing for a period of two years. He then disposed of his interest and associated with P. P. Copeland at Shickshinny, until the latter's death, when he removed to Bloomsburg and bought out the business of E. R. Furman and has conducted

it since November 29, 1887. He is an honest and conscientious worker and possesses the patronage of the leading citizens of Bloomsburg and immediate vicinity. He has fine hearses and one of the finest and best-groomed teams in the county. He patented the U bed spring, which is the most perfect spiral bed spring made, and, in partnership with John N. Wanich of Bloomsburg, manufactures them in all styles and sizes. Mr. Baker is genial and possesses the friendship and esteem of all with whom he is acquainted.

Our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Lenora C. Sterling, a daughter of Clinton B. Sterling of Bloomsburg, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Charles C.; Lucy; Robert; and Mary. Mr. Baker is a member and past grand of the I. O. O. F.; is past captain of the Sons of Veterans; past president of the P. O. S. of A.; and master workman of the A. O. U. W. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. Baker's portrait is shown on a page in proximity to this.

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**T**HOMAS S. LAIRD, a blacksmith of considerable prominence at Nordmont, Laporte township, Sullivan County, Pa., is purely of Scotch descent, as his name indicates. He is the second child and eldest son of William and Sarah (McNeil) Laird, and was born at Washingtonville, Montour County, Pa., January 21, 1831.

Col. William Laird was the first of the Laird family to come to America. He was born in Scotland and came to this country at the age of seven years in company with some friends. He grew to manhood in the midst of the most exciting times in our country's history, at a



time when young men for love of country left fathers, mothers, and sweethearts, and husbands left wives and families, that they might battle for the cause of freedom. It is almost needless to say that he responded to the call to arms. He served as a private under the illustrious Washington in 1755, and during the Revolutionary War he served as captain of Washington's body-guard, which fact is to-day the boast of his descendants. He wedded Rosanna Gaston, a Scotch emigrant, and settled in Northumberland County, Pa., where he bought a farm and became a tiller of the soil, an occupation he followed until cut off by death at the extreme age of ninety-seven years. His companion also lived to a very old age. Realizing that our country, depleted by the ravages of war, would need in the future many brave men and women to support the cause for which they fought, Col. Laird brought into the world sixteen children, eight boys and eight girls. It is not absolutely known how many of the girls reached maturity, as women sometimes change their names early in life, and their identity is easily lost. But the following boys grew to manhood: Thomas; John; James; William; Samuel; and Matthew.

Thomas, the eldest of these, was the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Derry township, then a part of Northumberland County, Pa., and died at the age of sixty-five years, having been a farmer all his life. He participated in the War of 1812 and was wounded at the battle of Lundy's Lane. He was united in marriage with Annie McBride, a Scotch emigrant, who, upon dying, left him with seven children, namely: Martha; Rosanna; Sarah; Esther; Eliza; William; and Thomas. Mr. Laird formed a second matrimonial alliance with Hester McReynolds, and they had two children: Anne, and Russell.

William Laird, the father of our subject, was born in Derry township, Columbia County, Pa. Early in life he learned the trade of a blacksmith, working at his chosen calling for a canal company, being thus employed when his life was cut short by a misfortune which deprived his wife and children of a loving husband and father. He was accidentally drowned at Carrasawaga Falls, Dauphin County, Pa., while yet in the prime and vigor of manhood, having only attained the age of thirty-five. He was married to Sarah McNeil, who survived him, having borne him four children, viz.: Mary, who died in infancy; Thomas S., our subject; Ann; and Samuel.

Our subject is particularly fortunate in one respect, there are many interesting facts and adventures by which he can remember his forefathers, and this is not alone true of his father's family, for there are many thrilling experiences told of his maternal ancestors, one of which deserves a place in this sketch. Sarah (McNeil) Laird was the daughter of Samuel McNeil of Columbia County, who was of Scotch descent. Her mother's maiden name was Annie Davis, who was taken prisoner by the Indians during the Revolutionary War at Chillisquaque Creek, seven of her sisters and brothers being killed at the same time. She was kept in captivity for five years, when Ezra, her brother, who was in the Colonial Army at the time of her capture, went to Canada, where she was held, and succeeded in securing her release. After her husband's demise our subject's mother formed a second marital union with Benjamin J. McWilliams, no issue resulting from their marriage.

Thomas S. Laird learned the blacksmith's trade by serving an apprenticeship under Joseph Green of Hughesville for a period of two years. He then started in business for himself at Sonestown, Sullivan County, Pa.,

where he remained one year; then he moved successively to Smithsville, Taylorville, Hughesville, and finally settled at Nordmont in 1876, where he is considered an expert in his business. He was united in marriage with Sarah Jane Glidewell of Davidson township, Sullivan County, and their home was blessed by the presence of nine children, as follows: Jerome; William; Coralynn; Caroline; Amanda; McClellan, now deceased; Eleanor; Russell; and Estella. It gives great pleasure to speak of a good man and to note what he has done, and we feel sure there are few men who more fully enjoy the confidence and good will of their fellow-men than does Mr. Laird. As to the question of religion and where people shall worship, he expresses broad and liberal views. In politics he upholds the principles of the People's party; has been on the election board twenty-one years as judge, inspector or clerk; and was auditor of Davidson township for eighteen years.

HIRAM M. HAAS, who is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of the town of Sunbury, is the well-known operator of the Sunbury Flour Mills and is also extensively engaged in farming. He is a son of John S. and Margaret (Deppen) Haas, and was born in Jackson township, Northumberland County, March 4, 1846.

The Haas family originated in Germany and our subject is the grandson of Lawrence Haas, who was a man of considerable means, but lost nearly all his wealth by unwisely going bail for supposed friends. He was the father of John S. Haas, the father of our subject, who was born in Northumberland County in 1812, and resided in Mahanoy and Jack-

son townships until 1850, when he moved to Upper Augusta township, which is now within the corporate limits of Sunbury. His occupation in life was that of a farmer, but he also owned and operated the mill which is now conducted by his son. He was a good business man and was quite successful in life. Politically he was a Democrat of the Jacksonian type and was an ardent supporter of Jackson. Socially he was an Odd Fellow. He was united in marriage to Margaret Deppen, and of the children born to them but one, Hiram M., our subject, grew to maturity. Mr. Haas closed his eyes in final sleep in 1875, aged seventy-five years, and his beloved wife survived him until 1878, when she, too, was called Home.

Hiram M. Haas was but four years of age when he was brought to Upper Augusta township by his parents, and he has made the township his home ever since. After attending the public schools for several years he took special courses of study in Sunbury Academy and later in the Missionary Institute. After obtaining a good education he left school in 1867 and spent five months in Eastman's Business College, where he received an excellent business training. He then returned home and worked upon his father's farm for a few years, after which he operated the Sunbury Mills, continuing successfully until a few years after his father's demise, when he leased the mill for a term of years and again took up agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he again operated the mill in connection with farming, and has since continued to operate the mill. He makes flour by steam, water, and roller process, and it finds a ready sale on the market, being of the highest grade. Mr. Haas is a man of exceptional business qualifications and under his skilful guidance the affairs of the mill are in a thriving condition and the

business is netting the owner a handsome income. He has been equally successful in the manipulation of his affairs upon his two farms, both of which are located in Upper Augusta township, one consisting of 140 acres and the other of 65. Mr. Haas stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens and numbers his friends by the score.

Our subject was joined in marriage to Rosetta Hull, a daughter of John Hull of Snyder-town, Northumberland County, on May 1, 1870, and their happy union is blessed by the birth of eight children: John F., who married Harriet O. Detrich of Sunbury, and is manager for his father; Edward L., of Sunbury; Isaac J., who married Amy E. Fasold of Sunbury; Hiram W.; Mary M.; Essie; Nellie M.; and Marion V. Politically Mr. Haas is a firm supporter of the Democratic party, taking an active interest in local politics. He has served as school director and recorder. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.



**J**OHN HENRY ROTHROCK, M. D. We have the pleasure to present to our readers the biography of one of Sonestown's foremost physicians, whose excellent reputation for professional honor and skill has been acquired through a general practice of about fifty years. Dr. Rothrock possesses that peculiar insight into the hidden causes of various forms of disease which will ever be the greatest recommendation of a successful physician. A case once definitely diagnosed loses much of the dread that surrounds it, and the mistakes that are occasionally made by even the best of practitioners result from incorrect diagnoses. Dr. Rothrock was born at Shrewsbury, Pa., seventy-eight years ago, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Yost) Rothrock.

Jacob Rothrock was born at York, Pa., and early in life learned the trade of a saddle and harness-maker, and followed that occupation at Williamsport, Pa., the rest of his active career. He died at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. Rothrock was united in marriage to Sarah Yost, who died at the age of seventy-eight years, and this union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased; Emeline; Susan; John H., the subject of this narrative; Abraham; Joseph; James; George; Sarah; Jacob; Mary; and two who died in infancy.

Dr. John Henry Rothrock completed his elementary education in the public schools of Williamsport and, preferring the profession of medicine to any other vocation, he directed his studies in that direction in the office of Dr. Samuel Pollock. Later he graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and, returning to Williamsport after his graduation, he practiced with his preceptor one year. His next field of usefulness was at Block House settlement, near Liberty, Tioga County, Pa.; then he practiced at Mifflinburg, Union County, Pa.; next at Hughesville, where he remained for twenty-five years. Dr. Rothrock was not long in that community before his skill as a physician became known. He rapidly grew in the confidence of the people and soon possessed an enviable reputation. In 1878 Dr. Rothrock, on account of failing health, removed to the mountainous regions of Sonestown, where his health has since been greatly improved and he has built up a large and lucrative practice in the vicinity. He purchased the estate of the Lorah Brothers, which consists of eighty acres of good land, and carries on farming to a large extent. For the last nine years the Doctor has given up driving through the country to make his calls, but his valuable advice is still sought by many







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and will be as long as he is able to give it. He has spent much time and money in fixing up his farm, and is rewarded by having one of the most beautiful homes in the township.

Dr. Rothrock was joined in matrimonial bonds with Margaret Robb, a daughter of James Robb of Muncy township, Lycoming County, Pa., and she passed from this life at child-birth. Politically our subject always has been loyal to the Democratic party, and has served in many township offices; religiously he is liberal in his views, while fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order. Dr. Rothrock is a well-read and unusually intelligent citizen, and stands high in the esteem of his fellow-men, who respect him as one who has filled all the requirements of a true citizen.



**B**ENJAMIN LEWIS, deceased, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was a prominent farmer of Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County, Pa., and resided on a fine farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres on the Loyalsock Creek, three miles from the village of Hillsgrove. He was a son of George and Sarah Lewis, and was born in Wetherby, England, September 22, 1842.

Mr. Lewis was the youngest son in a family of fourteen children and was reared and educated in England. At the age of twenty-two years he came to America, obtaining employment as a farmhand on the farm of Jonathan Lewis of Hillsgrove, Sullivan County, Pa. It was while serving in that capacity that he met Anna Lewis, a daughter of his employer, whom he subsequently married. They located on her father's farm, which is still in possession of Mrs. Lewis, and there he fol-

lowed farming during the remainder of his life, becoming one of the most progressive and substantial citizens of the community. There he built a new house, a modern home in every particular, and also greatly improved the land. In private life he was greatly esteemed by his fellow citizens and had a large circle of friends. He was called to his final rest October 21, 1891.

His union with Anna Lewis resulted in the birth of seven children, as follows: Albert Leslie, a stonemason of Towanda, Bradford County, who married Minnie Jennings by whom he has one son, Robert; Emma Lilian; Maud Antoinette; Sarah Eveline, whose union with James Grady of Binghamton, N. Y., has been blessed with two children, Anna May and Amy Helena.—Mr. and Mrs. Grady reside in Jamison City, Columbia County, Pa.; Hattie May; Daisy Elizabeth, who died at the age of three months; and a son who also died in infancy. Politically Mr. Lewis was a staunch Republican. In religious attachments he was a member of the Methodist Church.

Jonathan Lewis, the father of our subject's widow, was born at Sickling Hall, Wetherby, Eng., and came to the United States in his early manhood. After a few years' residence in this country he went back to England, and, upon returning to this country subsequently, settled near Hillsgrove, Sullivan County, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his days in agricultural pursuits and where many of his descendants are now located. Jonathan Lewis was united in marriage to Elizabeth Fawcett. Mrs. Lewis the widow of our subject, still lives on the farm formerly owned by Mr. Lewis, and is surrounded by many friends who love her for her many estimable traits of character.

**D**R. JOSEPH PRIESTLEY, deceased, was for more than forty years a prominent practitioner of the medical profession in Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pa., where the Priestley family has been established since 1794, the year in which the eminent philosopher, Rev. Joseph Priestley, settled there. The latter was the most learned gentleman of the state of Pennsylvania in his day and in the short space of two years gave to the public more facts concerning pneumatic chemistry than all of the scientists who preceded him, and by his wonderful discovery of oxygen gas attained a world-wide reputation.

Rev. Joseph Priestley was born at Fieldhead, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, March 13, 1733, and in his early days gave evidence of being a great student; at the age of sixteen years he had an extended knowledge of the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages. He entered the ministry as assistant to the Rev. Mr. Meadows of Needham Market, Suffolk, and during his three years in that capacity he wrote and published his first book, entitled "The Doctrine of the Atonement." For the subsequent three years he devoted his efforts to literary works on religious subjects, and "Observations on the Character and Reasonings of the Apostle Paul" resulted from his pen. In that period he also compiled and published an English grammar. He gave the subject of political economy much attention and after his meeting with Benjamin Franklin his scientific researches relative to electricity began. He wrote many works thereafter, the most prominent being "An Essay on Government," "A familiar Introduction to the Study of Electricity," and "A Chart of History." Having removed to Leeds, his residence chanced to be in close proximity to a brewery, and his observations of fixed air caused

by fermentation led him to make experiments whose culmination was the solution of many problems which had been a perplexity to the scientific world. He wrote a number of papers in which he elucidated his theories as to how nature purified the air for the support of animal life, how air vitiated by animal respiration was a pabulum to vegetable life, and one of these papers read before the Royal Society in 1772 obtained the honor of the Copley Medal. He threw enlightenment upon his discovery of nitric air; showed the use of a burning lens in pneumatic experiments; related the discoveries and properties of marine acid air; and he added much to the little theretofore known of air generated by animal putrefaction and vegetable fermentation, and determined many facts relating to the diminution and deterioration of air by the combustion of charcoal and the calcination of metals. It was not until June or July of 1774, however, that his greatest discovery was made, that of dephlogisticated air, which he announced publicly for the first time at the table of M. Lavoisier in Paris in October of that year, and at about the same time repeated his experiments before the scientific chemists of Paris. In 1780 he removed to Birmingham, Eng., where he had charge of a dissenting congregation. In 1789 he expressed his disapproval of the "Test Act," and by favoring the French Revolution he provoked an attack from Burke in Parliament and aroused the hostility of the populace, his residence being burned by a mob July 14, 1791. During the next three years he made his home at London and Hackney, but finding that he was still in disfavor with the public he decided to leave England, and on the 7th of April, 1794, he immigrated to America. In his "Memoirs," he relates how Northum-



berland chanced to become his home. Many other English emigrants came to this country with him, and it was their intention to establish a settlement for all friends of liberty at the head of the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. He located there, but the scheme which they had concocted fell through. Having located there and being pleased with the country Dr. Priestley decided to remain and in 1795 began the erection of a large house on the estate which he purchased to the east of the borough, which is still in a good state of preservation and is owned by Robert Scott, Esq. He laid out a beautiful lawn and set out many shade trees, but the beauty of the property has been greatly marred by the construction of a canal and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. In this grand old house the Doctor had a large library and a laboratory, and every other convenience for the pursuit of his studies, there being on the roof an observatory which has disappeared in recent years. He became the owner of many thousands of acres in what is now Sullivan County, which he sold to his fellow countrymen very cheap as an inducement for them to locate in that section. After coming to this country he did not participate in civil affairs, but was very active in promoting the educational interests, being one of the founders of Northumberland Academy. He was a Unitarian in his religious convictions and established the oldest church of that denomination in Pennsylvania, at Northumberland. The last years of his life were spent in the quiet and happiness of retired life, and he passed away February 6, 1804, and was buried in the Northumberland Cemetery.

Joseph Priestley, a son of Rev. Joseph Priestley and the grandfather of our subject, was born in England in 1768, and after his marriage came to this country with his

father. He too became interested in land speculations in Sullivan County, and the vast wilds which he and his father possessed have long since been converted into beautiful homes and farm land. His first union was formed in England, April 15, 1792, with Elizabeth Ryland, and they were the parents of five children, namely: Joseph Raynor; Elizabeth Raynor, born August 28, 1798, who was the wife of Joseph Parker; Lindsay, born July 21, 1801; Marian, born July 26, 1803, who married Rev. William Bower; and Sarah, born April 28, 1807, who married Robert Wainwright. After the death of his wife Mr. Priestley returned to England, where he formed a second matrimonial alliance with Lucinda Barton, and, as she was opposed to coming to America to live, he spent the remainder of his life there, dying September 3, 1833.

Joseph Raynor Priestley, the father of our subject, was born in England March 23, 1793, and upon reaching maturity succeeded to his father's property. Although a man of means he was largely engaged in farming throughout his life. On April 22, 1817, he was united in marriage to Frances Dundas and they had eight children: Jane B., born January 15, 1818; Joseph, the subject of this personal history; Elizabeth, born August 3, 1821; Marks John, born January 17, 1823; Lindsay, born February 9, 1827; Marianne, born September 22, 1831; Jane D., born May 4, 1833; and Sarah A., born May 10, 1836. Mr. Priestley died on November 10, 1863, and his wife survived him until December 18, 1878. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Northumberland and for many years served as its cashier.

Dr. Joseph Priestley was born in Point township, Northumberland County, Pa., September 22, 1819, and attended the private



school taught by the Rev. David Kirkpatrick of Milton. He then read medicine with Dr. James Dougal of Milton, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in March, 1844. He took up the practice of his profession at Northumberland and rose rapidly to a place in the foremost ranks of the physicians of that section. During the forty years of his practice he had a very large patronage and was at all times held in the highest esteem. He was an extensive owner of real estate, possessing several farms. He purchased the grand old brick building known at the time as the Burr Hotel, and remodeled it into a fine home and office, in which his daughters now live. This property is at the corner of Market and Front streets and faces Market Square park. He practiced at Northumberland until his demise, March 10, 1883. He was a member of the national, state and county medical associations, and served as president of the county association. He was an unswerving supporter of the Republican party.

On March 4, 1847, Dr. Priestley was joined in marriage with Hannah H. Taggart, who was born September 10, 1825, and died September 28, 1894. This union was blessed by the following children: Hannah T., who married Hasket Derby Catlin of Gouverneur, N. Y., by whom she had two children, Joseph, and Lucy H., deceased; Joseph Raynor, who died in childhood; Frances D., the wife of William Forsyth of St. Paul, Minn.; and Annie S., and Jean B., who reside on the old homestead in Northumberland.

**M**RS. ELIZABETH M. FRICK, who is a respected resident of the borough of Danville, is a daughter of William Colt, one of the earliest business

men of that town, and the relict of Dr. Clarence Henry Frick.

Dr. Clarence H. Frick was born in Danville, Montour County, in 1828, and was a son of George A. Frick and a grandson of John Frick. His great-great-grandfather was Conrad Frick, who was born in Heidelberg, Germany, and in 1732 departed for America, being the first of that name to locate in this country.

George A. Frick, our subject's father by marriage, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and early in life studied for the legal profession. He later moved to Danville, where he was one of the first lawyers to enter upon a practice, and he continued longer than any of his contemporaries, or until 1851. He did much toward advancing the welfare of that borough and was instrumental in the establishment of the iron works. He, with a number of other men, purchased land which was rich with iron ore and offered firms great inducements to locate there and manufacture iron. He erected the first brick house in Danville, the one in which James Scarlett now resides. He died at the age of eighty-five years and six months. He was united in marriage to Eleanor Hurly, and they became the parents of the following children: Arthur W.; Clarence H., M. D.; Augustus G.; Martha H.; Alexander J.; and others who died in their infancy. In religious attachments they were Lutherans.

Dr. Clarence Henry Frick was reared and educated in Danville, where he lived until the outbreak of the Mexican War, when he gave vent to his patriotism by enlisting in the Columbia Guards. He participated in the first engagement of the war, the storming of Vera Cruz, under Capt. Wilson as a lieutenant, and upon the latter's death, April 10, 1847, succeeded to the captaincy. He continued as cap-

tain of the company throughout the war and took a prominent part in the battle of Cerro Gordo, the storming of Chapultepec Heights, and the defense of San Angelos. Dr. Frick fought with bravery and daring throughout the entire war and was completely broken down in health when he returned home, July 28, 1849, and, like many another, never fully recovered from the effects of the unfavorable Mexican climate. Dr. Clarence H. Frick left a large practice to enlist in the War with Mexico, and resumed it after his return from the war, but on account of failing health gave it up in 1857. His death occurred in 1861, at the age of forty-three years. His death was a sad blow to his loving wife and a large number of friends in whose midst he had always lived. As a result of his union with Elizabeth McClurg Colt they reared the following children: William Colt, a resident of New York City, who is general sales agent of the Howe & Polk Manufacturing Company of Danville, and for several years has been largely engaged in the iron business, married Mary Clark, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Donaldson; George Augustus, a resident of Philadelphia; Clarence Henry, Jr., who is teller of the Danville National Bank, and married Lizzie Holloway, by whom he had three children, Ruth H., Clarence H., and Sallie Cornelia. In religious belief Dr. Frick was an Episcopalian.

William Colt, the father of our subject, was born in Erie, Pa., but at an early age moved to Danville, Montour County, where he was one of the prominent business men. In 1828 he became one of the original stockholders of the river bridge which was built in that year, and was one of the managers of it for many years. He was also a large contractor in the building of the North Branch Canal. He later engaged in the mercantile business under the

firm name Colt & Donaldson in the building in which the Danville National Bank is now located. He was successfully engaged in that line until he became a coal operator in Schuylkill County. He built and resided in the large brick house in which Mrs. Frick now resides. Mr. Colt passed to his eternal rest May 14, 1855, at the age of sixty-five years, and his worthy wife survived him many years, dying in 1880, aged seventy-eight years. Their children were: John Donaldson; Elizabeth M., the subject of this personal history; and Susan M., a maiden lady residing with her sister.

Mrs. Frick is a woman with many lovable traits of character and has a large circle of friends in Danville, numbering them almost by her acquaintances.

JAMES STROUP, deceased, was one of the prominent and influential agriculturists and citizens of Davidson township, Sullivan County, Pa. He was very industrious and successful in his business affairs and resided on the estate which is now owned and cultivated under the supervision of his wife. He was a son of Eli and Rebecca (Newman) Stroup, and was born in Davidson township in 1842.

Eli Stroup, the father of our subject, was born in Lycoming County, Pa., but after his marriage moved to Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, where he followed his trade as a carpenter. He was a skilled workman and built many of the old mills now standing in that locality. His father put him out to work at an early age and he followed his trade until his demise. Mrs. Stroup now resides in Davidson township and is enjoying life at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. Her maiden name was Rebecca Newman, and her marriage with Mr. Stroup resulted in the birth

of eight children: Mary Elizabeth; Amanda (Mrs. Cox), a resident of Elmira, N. Y.; Amelia, the wife of Daniel O'Brien of Sayre, Pa.; Anna, who was the wife of James Gould, and both are now deceased; John, a carpenter of Chicago; Alfred, deceased; and Monroe, who resides with his mother.

James Stroup obtained his intellectual training in the common schools, after which he began working on the farm of James Taylor, who subsequently became his father-in-law. After his marriage in 1867 he remained with Mr. Taylor until December 8, 1872, when he moved to the farm, upon which he died on March 27, 1886. He made many improvements upon the property and became one of the most successful farmers in that section. He was a man of high character and good habits and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

In August, 1867, Mr. Stroup was united in marriage with Catherine H. Taylor, who was born on October 20, 1837, a daughter of James and Delia (Edkin) Taylor. Mr. Taylor was born on January 5, 1808, and his wife on May 22, 1810. He was a farmer in Davidson township nearly all of his life, and was a very prominent man. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are now deceased. Our subject and his wife had five children, namely: Maggie, the wife of George Crawley, a farmer of Davidson township; Jonah, who died at the age of six months and five days; Curtis Delmar, who lives with his family on the home farm with his mother, married Laura Brink, who was born September 3, 1871, and they have three children,—James L., Harry Donald, and George Dewey; Taylor Mendey, a farmer by occupation, who married Addie Starr, by whom he has one daughter, Catherine Clarissa; and Delia, who died in infancy. Politically Mr. Stroup was a Democrat and held several

township offices. Since his demise his wife has owned and cultivated the old homestead, consisting of 150 acres of land, and has displayed rare judgment in the manner in which she has managed her affairs. She is a woman of many virtues and has many friends.

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**M**RS. ROSALIE HUGO, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Sullivan County and the widow of the late Charles Hugo, is a daughter of Frederick and Fredericka (Vitus) Bowers, both of whom were natives of Berlin, Germany, immigrating to America in 1855.

Mr. Bowers met with many difficulties in trying to immigrate with his family to America. As they started in a small boat to board the sailing vessel they were stranded on a sand-bar, and, during a severe storm, the vessel in which they were to sail went down. Nothing daunted, and with the determination to make this country their home, they made another effort to fulfil their desires and set sail in another ship for America, landing at Baltimore after a tedious voyage of eight weeks. One small child died while they were at sea.

Mr. Bowers, being a shoemaker by trade and having friends in Germantown, Pa., settled there and worked at his trade. Being very desirous of owning a home for himself and family, he readily consented to purchase with his little savings, through some land agents, a small farm in a supposedly German settlement near Elkland, Merritt's Lake, in Elkland township. Taking his small belongings, in company with his family, he moved northward, and reached the destination, only to find that he had been swindled by rascals and left destitute in a wild land, far from home and with the winter season fast ap-



proaching. Sheltering his family in one small room, the only one to be obtained, Mr. Bowers looked about to see how he could better himself. Many of our readers will doubtless recall the murder of Vitencruber and the subsequent conviction and execution of the murderer, Kamb. The room that these emigrants had they were obliged to share with this murderer and his wife. Using the remainder of his almost exhausted funds he bought a small piece of woodland and began to build a little log-cabin near the lake. But the severe winter, with its heavy falls of snow and keen frosts setting in, prevented him from finishing this structure, which was located not far from where Mrs. Hugo, the subject of this biography, now lives. Taking our subject, then a child of ten years, with him through the deep snow, he built a fire in the half-finished cabin, dug up the earth floor, and with his hands filled the cracks between the logs with earth to keep out the snow and cold. Then taking the others of his family to the cabin he began in this inauspicious way his struggle for existence in the New World. He lived on this place the remainder of his days, with the exception of the second winter, which was spent in Forksville, where, by economy, he was able to purchase a cow, and with this and his family he returned to the log cabin, working at his trade and doing odd jobs for his neighbors or any work which enabled him to keep the wolf from the door. Mr. Bowers died at the age of forty-five, and left six children, as follows: Rosalie, the subject of this sketch; A. Conrad; Veronica; Emma; Louisa; and Francis. His widow married Fred Smith and they have one child, who lives on the old homestead.

Charles Hugo immigrated in 1850 to Philadelphia at the age of thirteen years, and later moved to what is now known as Merritt's

Lake, where he bought a small farm. His title to the property proved to be worthless and he was left destitute, without a friend and in a strange country. Charles Hugo was born in Gilson, Germany, December 13, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Hugo began married life under adverse circumstances, and their final outcome proves that untiring energy and diligence brings success to those who labor for it. Shortly after their marriage they settled on the North Street road, buying 100 acres of the Eldred tract, Mr. Hugo working at farming for hire and in the mines. In the latter place he severely injured one hand, which incapacitated him from labor for some time. He accumulated a small capital and opened a small country store, but did not meet with the success he anticipated; thereupon, leaving his wife in charge of the store, he began to peddle, exchanging merchandise for produce. In this business he won for himself the reputation of an honest, reliable merchant, and found many willing friends to assist him. As his capital grew larger Mr. Hugo added farm after farm to his possessions; notwithstanding the fact that he and his wife endured more than their share of life's hardships, it is not strange that they, possessed of ambition and untiring energy and perseverance, succeeded in the end.

At Mr. Hugo's death, in 1897, he left all of his children well provided for, and to his wife bequeathed a fine estate. His children were: Henry J., who married Christiana Bammunk, and is the father of three children, Fanny, Envoy, deceased, and Grace; Augustus, who married Annie Knupper, and has two children, Blanche and Pearl; Addie, the wife of Anthony Glockler, by whom she has two children, Mamie and Julia; Victor C., who married Bertha Crossley, and has two children, Beulah and Maud; George; Charles, de-



ceased; Emma, deceased; William; Mary; Albert; Robert; and Frankie. Socially our subject's husband was a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

DR. WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS, a leading physician and surgeon, who also is engaged in business as a druggist in Mount Carmel, is a son of Thomas T. and Margaret (Hughes) Williams. He was born in Merthyr Tydvil, Wales, April 27, 1854. He is one of the most energetic and enterprising citizens of Northumberland County and holds high rank as one of the leading physicians and surgeons, not only of the county but of this state.

The parents of our subject came to the United States in April, 1855, William then being their only child, and located at Scranton, Pa. The father, who was born in Wales, December 25, 1830, had been a furnace mason in Wales, and naturally he followed his trade as mason after locating in Scranton. He worked at his trade and prospered in Scranton until about 1864, when he removed to Northumberland County, locating at Mount Carmel, where he engaged in mining and contracting and where he has since resided almost continuously. The father was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church in the borough and for many years has served as a deacon in that church. In politics he has been a Republican and has served as a member of the school board, always taking an active interest in his party and its success. He married the mother of our subject in Wales and there have been born to them four children, as follows: William T., our subject; John, who was a merchant in Mount Carmel up to his death in August, 1886; Margaret, who is a teacher in the pub-

lic schools of Mount Carmel, in which she has taught for ten years, and who also is a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School; and Mary, who is at home and is one of the most popular clerks in the dry goods store of E. C. Tier. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Thomas Williams and Mary Rosser, and those on the maternal side were John and Margaret (Hughes).

After attending the public schools of Mount Carmel the subject of this review, William T. Williams, at the age of thirteen years, entered the shops of the Mount Carmel Iron Company where he worked for five years, learning the trade of machinist and going to night schools during that period. At the age of nineteen years he graduated from the Mount Carmel High School. About that time our subject's father removed his family to Knoxville, Tenn., the father's purpose in migrating being to engage in iron ore mining. The family soon returned to Mount Carmel, however, but William remained in Knoxville where he read medicine with Dr. D. V. Boynton, a prominent practitioner of that city. He then entered the Louisville Medical College, attending two courses of lectures, and then, in September, 1874, returned to the North and entered the Medical University of the City of New York, from which he graduated March 14, 1875. In the spring of that year Dr. Williams located in Plains, Luzerne County, Pa., where he practiced medicine for one year. He removed to Mount Carmel in January, 1876, and since has devoted himself to his practice there which has grown constantly and which is one of the largest held by any physician in Northumberland County. In addition to his regular practice Dr. Williams is local surgeon for the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley railroads which positions he has filled most acceptably for some time, and





THOMAS GORREY.

he also is engaged in the drug business with Dr. R. W. Montelius, with whom he has been associated since 1886.

Dr. Williams was united in marriage on April 13, 1880, to Jennie Jeffries, daughter of Howell and Sarah Jeffries of Mahanoy City, Pa., and to them have been born two children: Thomas Lamar, who is a student at Bucknell University in the freshman class; and Harold, deceased.

Our subject is an Odd Fellow; stands high in the Masonic orders, being a Knight Templar; is a trustee of the Congregational Church of Mount Carmel, and is superintendent of its Sunday school; he also is president of the County Sunday School Association and president of the Wyoming Sunday School Union; is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society and an ex-president of the society; a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society; of the American Medical Association; was a member of the International Medical Congress of 1887; and is a member of the International Association of Railway Surgeons. In politics Dr. Williams is a Republican and he has served on the board of school directors of Mount Carmel.

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**T**HOMAS GORREY, a contractor of good repute in this section of the state, is an enterprising and progressive citizen of the town of Bloomsburg, where he resides in a handsome residence at No. 224 West Main street. He was born in New York City, March 18, 1848, and is a son of Michael and B. Agnes (Larkin) Gorrey.

The family is of French origin and originally spelled their name M'Gori, but after the French revolution, when they located in Ireland, it was changed to Gorrey by some and to Gorey by others.

Michael Gorrey, the father of our subject, was born in County Galway, Ireland, where he lived for many years and in partnership with his brother, Thomas, owned a farm and supply store. During the religious rebellion in that country their property was confiscated by the government and they lost everything they had. As a result in 1848, Mr. Gorrey came to freedom-loving America where all men are equal and are allowed to have their own opinions and prejudices. He located in New York City but soon after moved to Yonkers, where he remained until 1854, when he came to Schuylkill County, Pa., and followed mining as a means of earning a competency. After a residence of six years in that community he moved to Centralia, Pa., and was engaged in mining until 1876, when he purchased a farm at North Bend. He was united in marriage to B. Agnes Larkin of Ireland and they reared the following children: Thomas, the subject of this personal history; John; Catherine; Michael; James; Patrick; and Mary.

Thomas Gorrey went to work in the mines at the early age of seven years as a slate picker, and at twelve became a mule driver, for which service he received \$4 per week, but being of economical habits he managed to save enough out of his salary to pay his way in a night school, where he obtained a fair education. With his father's assistance, he managed to attend the Millville Academy, after which he removed to Bloomsburg and became an apprentice to the trade of carpenter. In 1868 he entered the employ of John S. Sterner, who was one of the best contractors and builders of his day. He later became foreman and continued as such until 1885 when he began contracting in his own behalf. He has not only erected some of the handsomest residences and buildings in



Bloomsburg, but their architecture is also the result of his labor. Among the many buildings which he has erected the following are of the most importance: Bloomsburg Carpet works; Penn Elevator works; Novelty works; the Brass & Copper works; Bloomsburg Ice & Cold-storage plant; a large addition to the Bloomsburg State Normal School, also its large heating plant; remodeled the courthouse; and superintended the erection of the desk works. Among the many handsome residences he has built are those of Paul E. Wirt, L. S. Wintersteen, C. C. Peacock, W. R. Tubbs, Levi E. Waller, C. W. McKelvey, and the Episcopal parish house.

That Mr. Gorrey has attained such a success is due to his own untiring and industrious efforts. Beginning without means, he has established a reputation in his line of work that will stand the test and compare favorably with that of any other contractor and builder in the county. The residence in which he lives on West Main street was erected in 1800 by Dr. Daniels but was remodeled and enlarged by our subject and changed into a more modern house. He also owns a residence on West Main street, three double houses on Railroad street, also a lot on that street and a single house, three lots on East Mill street, and a small farm and summer residence in Hemlock township, Columbia County. He is a stockholder in the Bloomsburg Cold Storage Company, and Bloomsburg Match Company, and was formerly a stockholder of the Bloomsburg Brass & Copper Company and the Bloomsburg Elevator and Machine works. In politics he is a Democrat and served on the town council seven years.

Mr. Gorrey was joined in wedlock to Emma Sterner, a daughter of John S. Sterner, and their union has been blessed by the birth of

ten children, eight of whom are living, namely: Mary, whose death occurred at the age of sixteen years, just as she was entering the senior class of the Bloomsburg Normal School; Annie, who died in infancy; Thomas who is connected with the 7th Army Corps and is in the 2d Hospital Corps; Elizabeth, a dressmaker and milliner of Bloomsburg; John, who is a bricklayer; Catherine, who is in attendance at school; Annie; Fannie; Helen; and Mary. Mr. Gorrey's portrait accompanies this sketch of his life, being presented on a preceding page.

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**C**ORRELL DUNLAP learned the art of farming on his father's farm and has ever since continued in that independent calling. He is also engaged extensively in stock raising and lumbering and owns a fine farm in Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County. He was born in Plunkett's Creek township, Lycoming County, Pa., September 1, 1847, and is a son of George Grant and Margaret (Foulcroud) Dunlap.

George Grant Dunlap was born in Newberry, Pa., but moved to Middletown, Pa., where he carried on lumbering; later he followed the same business at Barbara's Mills, then Sandy Bottom, Pa. He finally settled on the farm now owned by our subject, which then was covered by a dense forest; he cleared a portion of it and farming was his principal occupation the remainder of his life. His death occurred on April 6, 1870, while his wife departed this life June 13, 1882. They were the parents of nine children, who were named as follows: Mary Elizabeth, widow of Charles Simon, who now resides at Williamsport, Pa.; Sarah Jane, who died in her younger days; Correll, our subject; Henry, died August 15, 1869; Benjamin, who wedded Mary Diggins,

and they are residents of Hillsgrove township; George, died September 1, 1881; Florence, wife of William Montgomery, and they live at Laporte, the county seat of Sullivan County; Rosa, who also resides at Laporte; and Orella, who died September 15, 1881.

Correll Dunlap worked at gardening at Newberry, Pa., in his early manhood, and later he took charge of his father's farm, and, with the exception of two years which were spent in a tannery at Proctor, Pa., he has continuously resided on the homestead. Our subject is a hard, industrious worker, and his farm, which contains eighty acres, ranks among the best farms in Sullivan County.

Mr. Dunlap is a stanch Democrat, firmly supporting the principles as advocated by his party, and he has held many township offices. Fraternally he is a member of Hillsgrove Lodge, No. 305, I. O. O. F. Religiously he and his wife are devoted members of the Baptist Church at Loyalsock, Pa. July 3, 1866, our subject was joined in marriage with Mary E. Grier, born in Lycoming County, March 14, 1849, and a daughter of John and Mary (Luck) Grier, both now deceased. The following children were born to them: William, a farmer, who married Kate Hines; Adeline, who died aged six years; George Grant, who resides at Muncy Valley, Pa., and married Margaret Snell; Mary Ellen, died aged one year; Charles, a farmer residing near our subject, and who wedded Sarah Van Horn; Lillian, the wife of Harvey Birdsell; one who died in infancy; and Harry B., who is attending school.

Columbia County, was born in Fayetteville, Franklin County, Pa., and is a son of Henry C. and Caroline (Wilson) Leshner. He is a grandson of Jacob Leshner, who was the progenitor of a large family of children, one of whom was Henry C., the father of our subject.

Henry C. Leshner was a photographer by trade, but at the outbreak of the Civil War he cast aside all business and enlisted as a soldier. He served for some time but contracted a disease which resulted in his discharge from the army. He died in 1870. He was just entering the prime of life and his death was a sad blow to his young wife, to whom he had been married but a few years. Mrs. Leshner is a daughter of Rev. Elijah B. Wilson, who was formerly a minister of the Evangelical Church in Columbia County, and is now living in Belvidere, N. J. She is an amiable and accomplished lady and is loved by a large number of friends for her many excellent qualities. Mr. and Mrs. Leshner's union was blessed by the birth of one son, Albert U., whose name appears at the head of these lines.

Prof. Albert U. Leshner received his primary education in the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphan School, graduating in 1881, and this was further supplemented by a course in the Millersville and West Chester state normal schools. He then took up the study of law under the tutelage of Brown & Hensel of Lancaster, Pa., in connection with which he taught school, being principal of the Sporting Hill school in Lancaster County until he moved to Berwick in 1893. He then accepted a position as a teacher in the grammar schools, acting in that capacity until 1894, during which time he demonstrated his ability as an educator. He was then promoted to the position of principal of the Market Street school, the

PROF. ALBERT U. LESHER, a man of intellectual attainments and the efficient principal of the Market Street Public School of the borough of Berwick,

duties of which he has since faithfully performed. The school is a two-story brick building, possessing many of the modern conveniences and is furnished neatly throughout. It was erected at a cost of \$30,000 and has a seating capacity of 500 pupils. There are 500 pupils in attendance and they are divided into six grades which are under the charge of Prof. Leshner. He has the good will and respect of the pupils and their parents, and is in favor with the school board. His teachings go beyond the regular studies, for he strives to elevate the moral and social tone of his pupils.

Our subject formed a matrimonial alliance with Alverna Wenner, December 31, 1891, and they are the happy parents of one son, Arthur B., who first saw the light of day January 18, 1893; and a daughter, Helen W., born July 29, 1898. Socially he is a prominent member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and has passed through all of the degrees of that society. In 1896 he was awarded first prize as orator at the state convention of that order. In 1897 he was called upon to serve in the capacity of vice-president of the state organization of that body. He was for some time editor-in-chief of the Lancaster County School Forum; and has been secretary of the Columbia County Teachers' Institute for several years. He is a poet of more than ordinary ability and a number of his works which have appeared in print were quite widely read and received very favorable comment from literary critics. Prof. Leshner lives in a fine home which he purchased and upon which he has made some very important improvements. He is one of the leading citizens of the community and is highly respected and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

**G**EORGE W. MYERS, a well-known business man of Muncy Valley, Sullivan County, Pa., has established an enviable reputation as a landlord, being the proprietor of the Pennington Hotel. He was born April 5, 1858, in Davidson township, Sullivan County, Pa., and is a son of Jacob and Fredericka (Geiger) Myers.

Jacob Myers was born in 1818 in Wurtemberg, Germany, where he married his wife. On coming to America the couple settled in Lancaster County, Pa., where Mr. Myers followed farming, later buying a farm in Sullivan County, Pa., where Mr. Myers lived until he departed this life, at the age of seventy-three years. These children resulted from the union, namely: Louisa; Fred, who died on the voyage to this country; John; Jacob; Henry; David; Mary Ann, deceased; George W., the subject of this sketch; Lafayette and Maria, twins; William; James; Albert; Charles; and Caroline.

George W. Myers, the subject of this sketch, attended the district schools until he was fifteen years of age, when he began his apprenticeship to the carpenter trade. This he followed as a journeyman and contractor in the vicinity of his home and in New York State until 1897, when, in company with Charles Crawley, he purchased the Judge Gansel Hotel. In 1898 our subject purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the hotel alone. He has made many improvements and it now consists of sixteen large and pleasant rooms, which are newly furnished and equipped with all modern conveniences. The Pennington Hotel is two stories high and is located in the heart of the village. A very pleasant feature of this well-known hostelry is the excellent table which it sets. An ample livery service is provided for the use of the patrons







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and, in fact, everything possible is done for the accommodation of the guests. Our subject is a man of high principles and takes an active interest in all public affairs. Politically he is an unswerving supporter of the Democratic party and has held a number of minor offices.

On February 23, 1899, Mr. Myers was married to Mrs. L. Rosa Betz, widow of John Milton Betz, of Muncy, Pa. Mr. Betz died August 28, 1895, leaving one child, Grace E. Betz, who resides with our subject. Mrs. Myers is a daughter of James F. and Christiana Worthington, and was born March 1, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Worthington are living. They have reared six children: Rosa, wife of our subject; Ida; Harry; Ernest; Milton; and Orval.

**E**ZRA S. LITTLE, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is a veteran of the Civil War and since its close has been actively engaged in the cultivation of the soil, owning a fine farm in Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County, Pa. He was born in Bradford County, Pa., October 28, 1839, and is a son of William P. and Rebecca (Rogers) Little.

Our subject's grandfather was Daniel Little, a native of the state of New Jersey, but at the time of his death he was a resident of Sullivan County; his vocation was that of a farmer.

William P. Little, father of our subject, was born in Sullivan County, Pa., but in 1838 he became a resident of Bradford County, Pa., where he carried on farming until 1868; in that year he moved to Iowa, locating in Cherokee County, where farming was his chief occupation. He and his wife died there, the death of our subject's mother occurring in 1878. As a result of his matrimonial alliance

with Rebecca Rogers William P. Little reared a family consisting of nine children: A. C., proprietor of the Lewis House at Eagle's Mere, Sullivan County, who during the winter of 1898-99 erected the new hotel at that resort, the largest in this section of the state; Sarah R., deceased; Ezra S., the subject of this sketch; John Lambert; Ellen, deceased; Harriet M., who lives in Iowa; Emma, who was first wedded to a Mr. Richards and upon his death married Eldo Whitehouse and now resides in Ida County, Iowa; W. Martin, a farmer in Cherokee County, Iowa; and Joseph R., a farmer in Ida County, Iowa.

Our subject remained at home working on his father's farm until the breaking out of the Civil War, when, laying aside all plans for the future, he tendered his services in behalf of the Union. On August 25, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 141st Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., under Col. H. G. Madill and Capt. Swartz. He was in the battle of Fredericksburg and at Chancellorsville, where, on May 3, 1863, he was shot in the thigh and was sent to the hospital at Mt. Pleasant, near Washington, D. C., where he remained one month, when he was transferred to Philadelphia, where he was confined until January, 1864, when he returned to his company. At Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864, he was again wounded, receiving a shot in one leg just above the knee; after a few months in the Satterlee Hospital at Philadelphia he joined his company near Petersburg, near which place he took part in several skirmishes, and was also at the surrender of Gen. Lee. He received his honorable discharge May 27, 1865, and after a few weeks' visit at his home in Bradford County he came to Sullivan County and settled on his present homestead. The farm consists of 120 acres of land, all of which has been put under a fine state of cultivation by our subject.

Mr. Little was wedded December 16, 1868, to Rachael D. Snell, a daughter of John and Rachael (Calflesh) Snell, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was a farmer and lumberman of Sullivan County. Our subject and wife have adopted one child, James, who is now residing at home. Politically Mr. Little is an avowed Republican, casting his first vote for "Abe" Lincoln; he has held the office of county commissioner for three years; is now serving his third term as justice of the peace; and has filled other township offices. He is a member of J. P. Jones Post, No. 436, G. A. R., of Forksville. He and his wife attend the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Hillsgrove.

DR. HARVEY J. S. WEICKSEL, who belongs to a family distinguished for literary attainments and religious zeal, is a skilful veterinary surgeon of Shamokin, Pa. He was born January 15, 1871, in Ringtown, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of Rev. Henry and Angeline Weicksel, and grandson of Henry Weicksel, who was born and died in the province of Bavaria, Germany.

Rev. Henry Weicksel, the father of our subject, was born in Germany, September 21, 1817, and came to this country when a young man, landing in Baltimore, Md. He soon after entered the college at Gettysburg, married, and then settled at Hanover, York County, and entered the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which sacred calling he followed throughout his life. He later removed to Ringtown, and died in December, 1896, in Shamokin, Pa., where he was living in retirement. Rev. Luther M. C., the eldest of the children, was graduated from Muhlen-

berg College at Allentown and the theological seminary at Philadelphia, and in 1876 entered the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is now stationed at Renova, Clinton County, Pa.; Jemima Elvira is the wife of Daniel G. Seiler, of the firm of E. G. Seiler & Co., wholesale commission merchants of Shamokin, Pa.; Amelia, unmarried, is now living in Washington, D. C.—she graduated from Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., and then studied physical culture, graduating from Dr. Sargeant's School, at Cambridge, Mass., and is now one of the loved and respected teachers in the Friends' School in Washington, also finding time to do considerable special work; William began to study for the ministry in 1884, graduating from Muhlenberg College and Mount Airy Theological Seminary, and was called to his first charge at Shamokin, Pa., and then went to Coudersport, and thence to North Lima, Ohio; Frederick A. first learned the trade of a plasterer and then clerked for a time, and at a later period studied theology at Selinsgrove, and was ordained a minister in the Lutheran Church and located at Numidia, Pa.; Harvey J. S., our subject, was the next in order of birth; Lizzie, our subject's half-sister, his father having married twice, married Julius Sebach, and to them were born one son and one daughter; Julius, a graduate of Pennsylvania College, and also of the theological seminary at Gettysburg, is one of the devoted and talented young ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is respected for his literary ability and criticisms as well as for his religious fervor in promoting the best interests of the church with which he is connected. His sister Lena is studying kindergarten work.

Dr. Harvey J. S. Weicksel, our subject, received his preliminary education in the public



schools and then attended one year at the State College of Pennsylvania, when he entered the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1894, and located in September of the same year in Shamokin, Pa., where he has since remained. In connection with his profession he does considerable work for Dr. Leonard Pearson, state veterinary commissioner of Pennsylvania, in the way of looking after the health of cattle.

Dr. Weicksel is a member of the United States Veterinary Medical Association and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association; also a member of the Knights of Malta and of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, taking an active part in the choir.

JOHN PACKER HAAS, one of the representative business men of Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., is a man of considerable influence, being held in the highest esteem by his innumerable acquaintances. He was born in Sunbury, September 30, 1849, and is a son of John and Mary (Gheen) Haas. He is descended from Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather on the paternal side having participated in the War of the Revolution.

Daniel Haas, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Shamokin township, Northumberland County, Pa., where he engaged in tilling the soil, becoming a man of prominence in that locality. In political attachments he was a Democrat. He married Eve Reed, a member of a well-known family of Shamokin township, and their union was blessed by the birth of eleven children, among whom was John Haas, the father of our subject.

John Haas was born June 22, 1822, in Shamokin township, Pa., and spent his younger days in work upon his father's farm. After leaving home he engaged in mercantile business and in mining coal, spending many years in that business. He was a member of the firm of John Haas & Company and of Haas & Fageley of Shamokin, a firm very well-known at the time, but he retired from the coal business in 1875. He then was interested in the Sunbury Nail Works, with which he was identified until 1894, when he resigned as its president. He was always interested in public improvements and was connected with numerous public enterprises, namely: as director of the First National Bank; one of the first directors of the Shamokin, Sunbury & Lewisburg Railroad, and was for many years president of the missionary institute, now known as Susquehanna University. He has been an elder in the Lutheran Church at Sunbury for thirty-five years, and was superintendent of the Sunday School for thirty years. Politically he is a Republican, and during the Civil War was a very strong Unionist. He is now enjoying life at the advanced age of nearly seventy-seven years. His union with Mary Gheen resulted in the birth of four children: John Packer, the subject of this sketch; J. Clementine, who married L. T. Rohrbach; Mary Alice, wife of the late Dr. C. M. Martin; and Louisa, who died in infancy.

John Packer Haas received his intellectual training at Susquehanna University and at Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, Pa. Upon leaving school he was employed by his father at Sunbury, and later was extensively engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business at Baltimore, Md. While residing in that city he was appointed treasurer of the Baltimore postoffice to serve under Postmaster Harrison Adreon. Upon the expiration of



his term of four years he returned to Sunbury, Pa., where he engaged in the iron business until the Sunbury mill closed down for a few years. He then engaged as New York State agent for the Pottstown Iron Company, with his office located at Syracuse, N. Y., and he efficiently served in that capacity until the company closed the works. He has since devoted his attention to his private interests. He is a man of exceptional business ability, energetic and always trustworthy. He has the explicit confidence of his fellow-citizens and is everywhere respected. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He was honored by the unanimous nomination for Congress from his county and declined the nomination from the Seventeenth Congressional District.

On November 4, 1872, Mr. Haas was united in marriage with Sally Schaffle of Lewisburg, Pa., eldest daughter of C. W. Schaffle, deceased, and they became the parents of three children: Mary G., now Mrs. A. J. Carter of Waynesburg, Pa.; Gertrude, who lives at home; and Jennie, deceased. In religious attachments the family are members of the Lutheran Church.

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**R**ANSLER B. BIRD, the leading market gardener of the village of Riverside, was born in Elysburg, Northumberland County, Pa., March 18, 1859, and is a son of John S. and Rachel Ann (Potter) Bird, and grandson of James S. and Sarah (Fisher) Bird.

Our subject's grandfather was a native of the state of New Jersey, but resided at Bear Gap, Northumberland County, Pa., the greater part of his life, where he was engaged in farming. He married Sarah Fisher, who bore him a family of six children, namely: Henry,

James, John S., Lena, Anna, and Sarah. He died at the age of eighty-three years; his wife passed from this life aged eighty-two years.

John S. Bird, the father of our subject, was born on his father's farm at Bear Gap, February 1, 1824, and spent his younger days learning the trade of a tanner; in 1875 he moved to Montour County and became a resident of Mausdale, where he worked for Charles Fenstermacher for about eleven years. In 1877 he moved to Riverside, and purchasing four lots on the corner of Avenue E and Sunbury street, erected a fine residence, which he has since made his home. In 1862 Mr. Bird enlisted in the Union Army and served nearly three years; he was assigned to Company D, 150th Reg., in the famous Bucktail Brigade, and was soon promoted to private, and at the battle of Gettysburg he was wounded in the left arm, for which injury he now receives a pension. His wife is Rachel Ann Potter, a daughter of Thomas Potter of Catawissa, Pa., and six children have blessed the union, as follows: Emanuel, deceased; James, a resident of Nanticoke, Pa., book-keeper for the Susquehanna Coal Company; Kersey, deceased; Ransler B., our subject; Levi, deceased; and Martin, a Congregational minister residing at Brainerd, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Bird are members of the Methodist Church and our subject's father is sexton of the same. Mr. Bird is treasurer of the village of Riverside.

Our subject followed farming until 1887, when he removed to Riverside and purchased of Richard Wilson ten lots, or two and one-half acres of land; he improved the buildings, set out fruit trees and began raising vegetables for the market. In 1891 he erected a greenhouse, which contains forty-seven hundred square feet of glass, and he not only raises many beautiful flowers but keeps one of the





JOSEPH KEIM.

largest and best kept gardens in Northumberland County. On market days his wagon and display of vegetables, berries, fruit and flowers are the envy of all. Our subject also raises lemons, and during the season of 1898 he picked and sold over one hundred choice lemons; he also ships flowers and shrubberies to the surrounding towns.

Mr. Bird was united in marriage to Emma Shannon, a daughter of Joseph L. Shannon, whose sketch also appears in this Book of Biographies. Three children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bird, namely: John Elliott, born February 1, 1893; Eva Sophia, born June 24, 1896; and Esther Elizabeth, born March 22, 1898. Mr. Bird is independent in his political views, always upholding the candidate who, in his opinion, is the best man. He has served as a school director; religiously, he is a member and steward of the Methodist Church.

JOSEPH KEIM, outside-foreman at the Henry Clay Colliery near Shamokin, Pa., was born July 19, 1843, in Blythe township, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of Jacob and Maria (Steck) Keim.

Jacob Keim, our subject's father, and his brother Peter were the first of the family to come to America. They took an active part in the development of the anthracite coal industry. Jacob Keim's life came to an untimely end when our subject was only six years of age, at the Kaska Williams Colliery, in Schuylkill County, it being the first accident of the kind in the anthracite coal region. Peter Keim spent his life in mining and had always worked with his brother until Jacob's death, when he removed to Wisconsin and took up a homestead. His family was swept away by an epidemic of cholera morbus.

Joseph Keim, our subject, was the eldest one of the family upon his father's death, having a younger sister and brother. The brother, Jacob, born two weeks after his father's death, is yet living and is a resident of East Mahanoy township, Schuylkill County, where he follows mining as a business. The sister, Katherine, became the wife of Lawrence P. Brennan, and they reside at Jackson's Patch. At the age of eight years our subject went into a coal-breaker as a picker of slate, attending school only for a short time during the year, and then under incompetent teachers, which gave him very poor advantages for obtaining an education. From picking slate he became a driver of teams in and around the mines, and next he engaged in farming, after which he ran an engine in Schuylkill County. His first position was with P. D. Luther, who operated the Kaska Williams Colliery, in Schuylkill County. Later our subject was employed as foreman at the Penitentiary Colliery, also operated by Mr. Luther. Shortly afterwards he enlisted in Company H, 173rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and entered the Civil War for nine months, remaining for about ten or eleven months. He did not participate in any engagement, as he arrived on the field too late for the battle of Gettysburg. After receiving his discharge from the army he began work in the Kaska Williams Colliery under the employ of Mr. Luther, and ran engines for some time. Later he went to what was known as the Berry Colliery, which had been operated for a time by P. J. Berry, but upon his failure returned to the hands of the MacNeal Coal & Iron Company. Mr. Keim was appointed superintendent of the Berry Colliery; his success in this connection made him the choice of the company to operate the Jackson's Patch collieries, a much more responsible position. The strikes of the W. B.



A. entailed great losses and put to large inconvenience the MacNeal Company and, upon the company's failure, the property passed into the hands of White, Fowler & Snow, and our subject remained in their employ. This company continued in business but a short time, when Franklin B. Gowen, who was the president of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company and the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, foreclosed the mortgage, taking everything out of the mines and closing them up. Mr. Keim was with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company while this was being done and subsequently he was transferred to the Knickerbocker Colliery near Yatesville, under the same management, in the capacity of a foreman, remaining there until about 1872, when he was again transferred to the Shenandoah City Colliery, remaining until May 1, 1884, when he left and went to Pottsville and went into the natural ice business for one year. On October 12, 1885, he again entered the employ of the company, going to the North Franklin Colliery at Trevorton, and remained there until April 23, 1888, when he was transferred to the Henry Clay Colliery at Shamokin, where he has since remained. This is one of the most important positions of the kind in the section; it includes the Henry Clay, Peerless, Sterling and Big Mountain workings, and Mr. Keim has the superintendence of the outside workings of the Henry Clay and Big Mountain.

Our subject married Elizabeth Simmet, who died at Shenandoah, May 23, 1880. They have been blessed with six children: Mary, the wife of Edward Agnew of Philadelphia, Pa.; Matilda, the wife of John P. Quinn of Shamokin, Pa.; Herman J., a cutter by trade, who was employed by a large Chicago firm for five years, but is now in business for himself

in the West; Leo L., who lives in Shamokin, Pa., and is in the employ of the Henry Clay Colliery; Rose, unmarried; and John, who died in 1880 at Shenandoah.

Mr. Keim is a stockholder in the Shamokin Title & Trust Company. He is a Republican in politics and very much interested in all national affairs, but has never sought an official position. He is a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of Shamokin, and in 1897 was its commander; and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Keim's portrait accompanies this sketch, being presented on a foregoing page.

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**J**OHAN REBMAN, one of the popular commercial travelers representing F. P. Delley & Company of Philadelphia, who makes his home at Danville, Pa., was born in Stuttgart, Germany, January 3, 1847, and is a son of John and Catherine (Hanselmen) Rebman, and grandson of Hesock Rebman.

Hesock Rebman was a descendant of nobility, and our subject has a copy of his coat-of-arms and crest. He had charge of the mint in Germany many years. His son, John, the father of our subject, was born in Germany, and was engaged in the manufacture of calico. He came to the United States in 1852 and settled in Frankfort, Pa., where he remained some time, when he moved to Philadelphia and spent the latter days of his life in quiet and peace. While a resident of Frankfort, he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of axles, and operated a large factory. He was united in marriage with Catherine Hanselmen, and they were the parents of two children, namely: Frederick, deceased; and John, the subject of this personal history. Upon

the death of our subject's father, Mrs. Rebman was wedded to Louis Hontrum, and they have raised one daughter, Lizzie.

John Rebman entered the Wisengras Gymnasium during his younger days, where he became a marvel in performing feats on the trapeze. He came to the United States on the ship "Washington" and landed in Philadelphia May 13, 1860, and for some time he was engaged in following the barber's trade. He then took up his old profession, and traveled with many of the leading circuses in the United States, including Forepaugh's Show, Robinson's Show, was with R. E. Gardner four and one-half years, and was with R. S. Q. Stokes, when that gentleman made a tour through Europe, where our subject was billed as the special attraction. He was the first one to introduce to the world the double somersault, and won a reputation as the most daring leaper of his day. Our subject spent many months traveling through Brazil and Cuba. He was obliged to retire from the show business as the hard work was fast telling on his physical health, and he came to Danville, Pa., and under the firm name of Krebs & Rebman carried on a wholesale and retail liquor house. In 1887 he became a traveling salesman, representing the well known firm of F. P. Delley & Co., of Philadelphia.

Mr. Rebman was united in the bonds of matrimony with Emma M. Leigles, a daughter of E. R. Leigles, who for many years was identified with the iron mills of Danville, but who is now engaged in farming at Kipp's Run, Pa. Five children resulted from this union, namely: Frederick B., an operator at Youngstown, Ohio, was wedded to Anna Haves; Samuel C., a bookkeeper for Rochey, Pierce & Company of Pittsburg, was married to Jennie Askner, and they have one child, Annie; and Harry J., a lawyer of Danville,

who was admitted to the bar in 1895. Mr. Rebman is a member and past master of Danville Lodge No. 516, F. & A. M.; Lodge No. 109, I. O. O. F.; I. O. R. M.; and K. of P.

**W**ILLIAM KIEFER, one of the most enterprising and successful of the younger business men of Mount Carmel, has won success by his perseverance and industry. He is a son of William and Dorothea Kiefer and was born in Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, Pa., November 9, 1860. His parents were natives of Germany and each came to the United States when young and subsequently married here.

The father of our subject located in Pottsville, where he became a butcher, and followed the meat business for several years. He removed to Mount Carmel in 1884 and followed his business as a butcher until within a few years, when he practically retired from active business. He and his wife were blessed with a family of seven children, two sons and five daughters, one dying in infancy. The surviving children are as follows: Alice, wife of Dr. Edmund W. Samuel of Mount Carmel; William, our subject; Anna, wife of Oscar Scott, a cabinetmaker of Mount Carmel; Thomas, who is in business with the subject of our sketch; Mary and Emma, who are milliners in Mount Carmel; and Martha, a teacher in one of the schools of Mount Carmel.

Our subject received but limited education in the common schools in Frackville, Schuylkill County, Pa. At the age of about seventeen years he left home and removed to Mount Carmel, and entered the employ of Charles K. Maurer, who established the first meat market in the town of Mount Carmel. William remained with Mr. Maurer for eight years, when he established a similar business

on his own account, which immediately prospered and which, with his brother Thomas, he now conducts under the firm name of Kiefer Bros. He ran the market for six years, at the end of which period the business had so enlarged that his brother joined him and took up a part of the active management of the market. The firm now does the leading butcher business in Mount Carmel. The brothers do their own killing and cater only to the best trade. They keep five delivery wagons constantly employed, and their business amounts to about six thousand dollars per month. The firm occupies the ground floor of a large three-story brick building, which is admirably arranged for their particular business.

Aside from his individual business Mr. Kiefer has considerable interests in local corporations and has done much to materially advance the industrial prosperity of Mount Carmel. He is a director in the Mount Carmel First National Bank and has been such for about six years; he is a director of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company; and a director of the People's Building & Loan Association. In politics our subject is an active Democrat. He has served one term as a school director of the borough. He is a member of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 378, F. & A. M.

On December 25, 1886, Mr. Kiefer was joined in the bonds of matrimony to Mary Eddy, daughter of Peter and Lydia (Woolcock) Eddy, of Shamokin. Their union has been blessed by two children: Frederick and Dorothy.

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**D**R. RALPH W. MONTELIUS, one of the most prominent and successful physicians and surgeons with a large practice in Mount Carmel and throughout Northumberland County, is a son of Alfred

M. and Eliza J. (Hartshorn) Montelius, and was born February 5, 1854, in Curwensville, Clearfield County, Pa. Having for some time been an active and enthusiastic member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, when the war between the United States and Spain broke out, Dr. Montelius was one of the first to offer his services to his country, and he has served with distinction in various capacities, winning high praise as an officer of excellent executive ability.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Charles Montelius, had a most interesting career, starting out at an early age under conditions which were not the most favorable but which he turned to his advantage by his natural ability and his pluck and perseverance. He was a native of Germany and was educated with a view to his serving in the French Legislature. When quite young, however, Charles was kidnaped, brought to this country and bound out to a Mr. Bartholomew, a merchant in Philadelphia, in payment for his passage to the United States. This occurred during the French revolutionary period. Charles served the necessary term of six years in payment of his transportation to this country, paid strict attention to business, and incidentally won the affections of the daughter of Mr. Bartholomew, whom he married. He went into business as a general merchant at Sixth and Walnut streets in Philadelphia and, being persona grata to his father-in-law, from whom he received considerable encouragement and assistance, he was very successful. He finally removed to Union County, this state, where he invested extensively in farms in the Buffalo Valley territory, and spent the remainder of his life in managing his farms and several estates which he acquired. The grandfather was a man of determined character and strong will and of positive opinions



as to what was right or wrong. In politics he was a Whig. He was a member of the famous "Buck Shot Legislature," serving in it during the most exciting period of its existence. It is related that he was urged by Thaddeus Stevens to "vote with the party and let conscience go to the Devil," but that was not in accord with Mr. Montelius' idea of right and he rebelled and refused to obey the dictate of the old political war-horse. His refusal to vote with his party on important measures caused a serious disturbance and resulted in a personal attack upon him. To escape personal harm, and at the same time act as his own judgment dictated, Mr. Montelius leaped from a second-story window in the state house and escaped from his tormentors. Religiously the grandfather was a member of the German Reformed Church.

Alfred M. Montelius, the father of our subject, was born in Mifflinburg, Union County, Pa., in 1827, was reared and resided there until he was twenty-one years old, when he removed to Curwensville, Clearfield County, where for several years he was engaged in business as a general merchant. In 1861 he enlisted in the 105th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and served eleven months during the Rebellion. After his discharge from the army he removed to Mount Carmel, in October, 1862, and was appointed superintendent of the Mount Carmel Colliery, which was later operated by Montelius, Righter & Co., his brother, William, being the head of the company. Subsequently Alfred became a member of the firm and retained his interest until his death, November 28, 1886. He was one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Water Company, of which he was the first president; a promoter of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, and the first bank of Mount Carmel,—the Mount Carmel Savings Bank. He

was a Republican in politics and served as a school director for several terms. A. M. Montelius was known as a most charitable man, giving freely to the poor and being a very liberal supporter of the Methodist Church, with which he was affiliated. He married Eliza J. Hartshorn, daughter of Benjamin Hartshorn, a pioneer distiller of Clearfield County, and to them were born eight children, as follows: William T., who some time ago retired from active business and resides in Mount Carmel; Ralph W., the subject of this review; Walton H., a real estate dealer of Philadelphia; Katharine, the wife of Harry E. Brown of Philadelphia, who is in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad; Belle Louise, wife of D. M. Hinkle, a prominent business man of Williamsport, Pa.; Rollin Clark, a prominent coal merchant in Philadelphia, who also is a Republican and very active in politics; Howard H., who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Williamsport, Pa.; Frank, who is private secretary to J. M. Wallis, formerly general superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Our subject, Ralph W. Montelius, was educated in the common schools of Curwensville and in the academies at Mifflinburg and Elysburg and at the State Normal School in Bloomsburg, Pa. For a short time he managed his father's general store in Mount Carmel, also studying medicine with Dr. W. J. Haas, the first resident physician of Mount Carmel. He entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1876. Because of ill health he did not immediately take up the practice of his profession, but in the fall of 1876 he removed to Mount Carmel and soon afterwards began the practice of medicine, which he has continued there since. He has a large practice, particularly as a surgeon. Dr. Montelius is



a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society; the Lehigh Valley Medical Association; the Pennsylvania State Medical Society; and the Medical Society of the United States. In politics he is a Republican and has served two terms as a school director and has frequently been a delegate to conventions of his party. He is a member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; and is past commander of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar.

On October 17, 1876, our subject was united in marriage with Carrie E. Sillyman, daughter of Oscar H. Sillyman of Mount Carmel, and to them have been born two children: Carrie E., born July 7, 1879, and Katharine, born December 18, 1887.

When the war with Spain was declared Dr. Montelius promptly forsook his personal practice and prepared to serve with the 8th Reg., Pennsylvania Volunteers, and went out as surgeon with the rank of first lieutenant. He was detached from his regiment June 11, 1898, and was made chief consulting surgeon of the 1st division hospital at Camp Alger, Va., being subsequently transferred to Camp Meade, where he was detailed as executive officer and placed in charge of all the property belonging to the camp. Subsequently, when the troops went to Augusta, Ga., Dr. Montelius, in addition to his already extensive duties, was made a member of the summary court. He relieved Maj. Wyeth of the 1st division, 5th Army Corps, who was ordered to Oklahoma, and for some time was in entire charge of the medical stores at Camp McKenzie, in Georgia. Dr. Montelius proved very popular with his fellow officers and with the men in the ranks and was regarded as one of the most capable and energetic officers in the corps. He received an honorable dis-

charge and was mustered out of the service on the 7th day of March, 1899, and returned to Mount Carmel, where he resumed the practice of his profession.

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CHARLES P. HANCOCK. Standing conspicuously in the foremost ranks of the leading business men of Montour County, is the subject of this personal history, who is the proprietor of the famous "Globe Store" of Danville, one of the largest in the state, excluding those of Philadelphia. He is a son of William and Mary (Reay) Hancock, and was born in Danville, Montour County, Pa.

The family is of English extraction and Mr. Hancock's grandfather was a resident of Lainesfield, Staffordshire, England. He was for many years a clerk at the Spring Dale Iron Works, near Bilston, Eng., and upon becoming an expert accountant his services were sought by many. He was the father of two sons: James and William, both of whom came to this country and located at Danville, Pa.

William Hancock, the father of our subject, was born at Lainesfield, Staffordshire, Eng., it is thought, in 1812. He became a stock-taker and iron finisher of expert skill, and established a reputation in that line of work. When the Mountain Iron Works of Danville was built its projectors conceived the idea that pig iron could be made from anthracite coal, and as a result a rolling mill was erected in 1844, of which A. J. Voris, Esq., was made general builder, and Mr. Henry Brevoost superintendent. In order to make the trial they needed the assistance of experts for whom a man was dispatched to Sunderland, Eng., where he secured the services of two highly recommended men, William Hancock and

John Foley. In 1844 they came to Danville and assumed charge of the plant, manufacturing what is known as the T rail, which is now in universal use. The U rail was previously in use, but after they began to manufacture the T rail, on October 8, 1845, it was supplanted by the latter, which is now the standard throughout the world. These rails were made under the supervision of Mr. Hancock, who had charge of the straightening and finishing, and his efficiency in that department made him noted far and wide in railroad circles. In 1847 in company with John Foley, under the firm name of Hancock & Foley, he purchased a mill which had been built by Bird Patterson, and named it the Rough and Ready Rolling Mill, for the manufacture of merchant iron. They continued until 1850, when it was merged into a rail mill and changed the name to the Glendower Iron Works. They were decidedly successful from the very start and eight years later our subject's father became sole proprietor and operated it until 1867, when the National Iron Company, of which he was made president, was formed and succeeded the Glendower Iron Works. In 1870 he and a Mr. Creveling built a furnace, but one year later the National Iron Company purchased it and operated it in connection with its other plant until the death of Mr. Hancock in 1872. In 1874 the heirs of William Hancock purchased the entire business under a mortgage sale and organized the Hancock Iron & Steel Company. Mr. Hancock was a very energetic and progressive business man and did more than any other man to promote the iron industry in his section of the state. His advice was frequently sought by the leading manufacturing concerns in the vicinity and always was freely given with the rare judgment which was characteristic of him. He

was of honest and upright character, of charitable disposition, and fair in his dealings with all men. His death was a sad loss to the borough. At his death he was erecting one of the handsomest homes in Danville, a large three-story residence, built of Vermont granite and stone, on Market street, which is now the home of Charles P. Hancock, his son. He was a director in the Danville National Bank. Religiously he and his family were members of the Episcopal Church. He was thrice united in the bonds of matrimony, first with Isabella Emerson in England, who died at the age of thirty-six years. Their children were: Sarah, the wife of Benjamin G. Welsh; Elizabeth J., the widow of J. D. Gosh, M. D., of Danville; Isabella, the wife of Harvey B. Crane; Cornelia P., who married S. A. York of Danville; and William D., who died at an early age. His second marital union was with Mary Reay, a daughter of John Reay, a native of England, by whom he had three children, as follows: Charles P., the gentleman whose name heads these lines; George M.; and Mary M., who married F. W. Watkin. His third marriage was to Mary Jones. Their children were: Harry T., who is a clerk in the "Globe Store," in Sunbury, Pa.; Jennie E.; and Augusta, the wife of John L. Lane.

Charles P. Hancock was reared in Danville, and obtained a good English education in the public schools, after which he accepted a clerical position with the firm, Cleland, Simpson & Taylor. He continued in their employ until the firm removed to Scranton, Pa., when he was urged to accompany them as his services would be hard to replace. He was an ideal clerk, a model of politeness, and seemed to know the wants of every customer by intuition, always pleasing them and sending them away from the store satisfied. In

1883, after having acquired the necessary experience, he resigned his position with the above firm and launched in business on his own account. He returned to Danville and opened the "Globe Store," where his former employers were located, and there has established the best store of its kind in this section of the state, owing to his untiring energy in catering to the wants of his many customers from all sections of the county, and his successful management. The building in which he is located is large and commodious, three stories high, and with its white front presents an attractive appearance. It is stocked with the latest and largest line of dry goods, notions, cloaks, ladies' tailor-made suits, men's furnishings, and fourteen competent clerks are constantly employed to attend to the large patronage. The store is a model of neatness, everything being systematically arranged and in its place, which is always pleasing to a patron who does not wish to be delayed in making a purchase. Mr. Hancock richly deserves the abundance of success with which he has met, and has the good wishes of a host of friends. In 1898 he opened the largest retail dry goods store in Sunbury, where fifteen clerks are employed.

Mr. Hancock was united in marriage to Adda L. Krebs, a daughter of Simon Krebs, who was formerly a resident of Danville and now is president and superintendent of the Listic Mining & Manufacturing Company, of Somerset, Pa. This union was blessed by the birth of three sons, namely: William K.; Charles P., Jr., who died in infancy; and John. Mr. Hancock takes an active interest in public affairs. He once served as president of the town council. He was also a member of the board of trade and has held numerous other offices of minor importance. He is a stockholder and director of the Danville Na-

tional Bank. Religiously he is a member of Christ Memorial Church of Danville, and has been a vestryman for some time. Socially he is a member of the following orders: Mahony Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M.; Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery, No. 37, Knights Templar; and the Mystic Shrine.

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**W**ILLIAM WRAGG, a well known citizen of Shamokin, Pa., has for many years been one of the most prominent men in the town and is known throughout the county as a man of high principles and ceaseless energy. He is an outside-foreman at the Hickory Ridge Colliery and discharges his duties in a manner worthy of the highest praise. He was born December 8, 1855, in Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of Benjamin and Anna (Booth) Wragg.

Benjamin Wragg was a native of Derbyshire, England, and immigrated to America about 1850, settling in Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pa., where he died in 1871 at the age of fifty-one years. His occupation was that of a carpenter and he followed his trade in England and in this country. From the time he came to this country until his death, he was in the employ of John Donaldson & Company, coal operators, acting as superintendent and foreman most of the time, and was for four years prior to his death superintendent of the mines. His first wife was also a native of England and she bore him three children all of whom died young. His second wife was the mother of our subject and they were blessed with seven children, as follows: William, the subject of this sketch; Samuel, who is assistant outside-foreman at the Richards Colliery near Mount Carmel;







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Mary R; John H., who is in the employ of the Union Coal Company as fireman; Benjamin F., who is blacksmith for the Union Coal Company at Hickory Swamp Colliery; Eliza J., who is at home; and George W., who is an engineer at Hickory Swamp Colliery.

William Wragg, the subject of this biography, for many years has been in the mining business, for at the age of ten he began to work as a slate-picker in the breaker, for the Donaldson Company, and later became shipping clerk for the same company. Then for twenty years he was engineer for several different companies, and on May 1, 1893, he accepted a position as outside-foreman at the Hickory Swamp Colliery, under the operation of the Union Coal Company. This colliery employs between 400 and 500 men and boys and Mr. Wragg's duties are many, but he has performed them with such energy and zeal as to give entire satisfaction to his employers and fellow-workmen. He was transferred to Hickory Ridge Colliery, which also is operated by the Union Coal Company, on February 1, 1899.

Politically Mr. Wragg is a strong Republican and he is always looking out for the interests of his party. He married Emma J. Oliver, a daughter of Pierce Oliver and a step-daughter of Thomas Senger, who was one of the victims of the famous "Mollie Maguire" uprising in Schuylkill County. Mr. and Mrs. Wragg have been blessed with four children, namely: Gertrude; Rebie A.; Thomas S.; and Sarah H.

WHEELER GREEN, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Sullivan County, is now living in retirement, having acquired a handsome competency in farming and the lumbering busi-

ness, which have been life-long occupations. He was born near his present homestead in Hillsgrove township, September 12, 1814, and his parents were Richard and Mary (Plotts) Green.

Richard Green, father of our subject, came from New Jersey State to what is now known as Sullivan County, via Bloomsburg, Muncy Valley, thence over the mountains to the vicinity of our subject's present home. He bought a tract of 50 acres and began its cultivation. In those pioneer days a man could make a comfortable living with very little capital, as the woods were filled with all kinds of game, while the streams abounded with fine fish. Many times our subject's father killed deer and other game from his cabin door. His original farm is now owned by Edward McBride, and his later purchase, which consists of 330 acres, is owned by our subject. Richard built a saw-mill and cut lumber, which he rafted down to the Susquehanna River, thence to the markets, and he had many thrilling experiences in floating lumber down the river, also with the wild beasts in the woods. Mr. Green possessed a strong constitution, was a hard and industrious worker, and possessed hosts of friends. He passed from this life at the age of eighty-four years, ten months and twenty days. He was an unwavering Democrat in his political views, whilst religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His children were John, Wheeler, Joseph, Alfred, Isaac, Robert, William, Sarah, Annie, Rachael, Harriet, and Mary, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood except Robert, who died in infancy.

Wheeler Green was reared and always has lived on his present homestead. His boyhood days were spent in aiding his father in clearing the farm, also in lumbering. When he grew to manhood he took the responsibility

of taking much of the lumber down the river to the markets, having made many trips during his youthful days. Our subject now owns 250 acres of land and, though an old man, he is still active and able to do a big day's work. Mr. Green enjoys splendid health and takes great pleasure in driving over the country behind a span of spirited colts.

Mr. Green was joined in marriage with Harriet Ball, a daughter of John and Ann Ball; she was born May 29, 1811, and died December 12, 1874. They reared the following children; Sarah A., born January 26, 1843, who is the wife of Dr. W. J. Randall of Forksville, Pa.; Ursaline, born January 27, 1845, wife of Abe Fogle and residing in Colorado; Maria J., born April 20, 1847, wedded to William Starr; John W., born August 3, 1849, who has charge of the homestead and married Martha Bedford; and Isadore, born October 16, 1853, who married Henry Froman, and resides near the home of our subject.

Our subject upholds the principles of the Democratic party and is also a strong temperance man. He has served as school director and as superintendent of roads. Religiously he is a prominent member of the Methodist Church, of which he has been a class-leader for over fifty years. We take pleasure in announcing that a portrait of Mr. Green appears on a preceding page.

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**D**R. JOEL G. RAESSLER, a leading physician and also a druggist of Mount Carmel, is a son of George and Sarah (Geist) Raessler, and was born February 4, 1846, in Hegins township, Schuylkill County, Pa.

The father of our subject was a native of

Northumberland County, but he removed when quite young to Schuylkill County, in which he resided and followed his trade as a tanner throughout his active career.

Our subject received his preliminary education in the common schools and attended the Freeburg Academy and the Millersville State Normal School for some time. He first mastered civil engineering and surveying, at which profession he worked for five years, teaching in the common schools during the winter months, and also began the study of medicine, determined to adopt a profession more to his liking than surveying or teaching. He received his preliminary instruction in medicine from Dr. Shope of Valley View, Schuylkill County. Entering the University of Michigan, he took a course which well fitted him to complete the learning which he had set out to gain, graduating from that institution and then entering the celebrated Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1870.

Immediately returning to Valley View after his graduation from the Philadelphia college Dr. Raessler entered upon the practice of his profession in that town and was very successful, continuing to practice there for fourteen years. He then removed to Mount Carmel, where he has since resided and where he has by strict attention to his clientage, and by his unusual ability and his very extensive knowledge of disease and the most modern methods of practice, attained high rank as a physician and a business which is very gratifying as well as lucrative. In addition to his regular practice he also conducts a drug business which has been very successful.

Politically Dr. Raessler always has been a stanch and consistent Democrat. He has served as a member of the board of school directors in Mount Carmel and also as a mem-



ber of the borough council. He is a member of the lodge of the I. O. O. F. at Hegins, Schuylkill County, having joined it when he was twenty-four years of age. Religiously Dr. Raessler is an active member of Grace Reformed Church, Mount Carmel, of which he was one of the original trustees. He also has been superintendent of the Sunday School, being the first at the head of the school upon its organization, in May, 1888.

Dr. Raessler married Mary E. Loudenslager, and to them have been born four sons: Rufus, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, who is practicing his profession at Anthon, Woodbury County, Ia.; Elvin, a painter, who resides in Iowa; Vester, who is attending the Ohio Normal University and is to be a pharmacist; and Archie, who is at home.

LEWIS EVANS, one of the leading citizens of Shamokin, Pa., and inside-foreman at the Swamp Colliery, is one of the most highly respected men in the community, and has for several years been one of Shamokin's most prominent citizens. He is a native of Wales, having been born there April 5, 1849, and is a son of William and Mary (Evans) Evans.

Our subject's parents came to this country in 1863, and settled near Scranton, Pa., where William Evans, who had been a contractor in and around the mines in his native country, accepted a position as foreman near Scranton, but shortly removed to Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pa., where he also acted as foreman during the remainder of his active life. He lost his life in the famous disaster at Avondale, in September, 1869.

Lewis Evans, the subject of this biography,

at the age of nine years began his career as a door-boy, also driving horses, and when he came to the United States with his parents he continued at this occupation until he was eighteen years old, when he began his mining career at St. Clair, near Pottsville, Schuylkill County. Being ambitious to advance, it was not long until his abilities were recognized and he was promoted to the position of fire-boss at Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, and he so satisfactorily filled his duties that he was again promoted in 1890 to the position of inside-foreman at the Allen Gow-an Colliery of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, remaining there until August, 1893. He then accepted a similar position at the Swamp Colliery under the Union Coal Company.

Politically Mr. Evans is an active and unswerving Republican, and has always taken a deep interest in all political affairs, and he constantly has the interest of his party and fellow-citizens at heart. On October 9, 1870, he was joined in marriage with Margaret Richards, daughter of Shem Richards of St. Clair, and they are the parents of the following children: Mary Ann, the wife of Harry Finn, a fire-boss at the Swamp Colliery; Shem, a fire-boss under the employ of his father, who was married February 22, 1899, to Mary J. Edwards of Shenandoah, Pa.; William, who is load-boss at Swamp Colliery and married Eleanor Gensal of Coal Run; and Margaret and Rachael R., who both reside at home. Mr. Evans is well known throughout the county and he has made a host of friends. Socially our subject is a member of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511, F. & A. M., of Shenandoah, Pa.; also Shamokin Chapter No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery of Shamokin, Pa.; Shenandoah Lodge No. 591, I. O. O. F., of Shenandoah, Pa.; Lincoln



Lodge No. 92, Knights of Pythias, of St. Clair, Pa.; and Schuylkill Tribe No. 202, I. O. R. M., of St. Clair.

AMBROSE G. HAAS, the well known secretary of the Shamokin school district, has taken unusual interest in the advancement of educational facilities during the nine years he has served as director on the school board. At the age of thirty-one he was elected a member of the school board by the voters of the First Ward and has since served continuously to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. The Washington and Lincoln school buildings were erected while he was president of the board; subsequently he served one term as treasurer and three terms as chairman of the building committee. He is secretary of the board at the present time and is highly commended for the able and efficient manner in which he performs the duties of the responsible office.

Our subject is a son of Frederick S. and Sarah (Williamson) Haas, and was born August 12, 1858, receiving his early education in the public schools of Shamokin. At the age of fourteen years he learned the trade of a printer but did not follow it. As a boy he was in the Northumberland National Bank, and afterward accepted a position as clerk in a business house in Shamokin where he was engaged for nine years. In 1886 the firm of Wagonseller & Haas was established and the mercantile business occupied Mr. Haas' attention for a number of years.

Politically our subject is a Republican, and always has been an active worker and party organizer and has done much to strengthen the party in his district; he has been in attendance at every local convention as a dele-

gate since he attained his majority; has been frequently consulted by the congressional party committees and usually attends the state conventions. Aside from being a noted politician his life is linked and interwoven in the fraternal societies. He is past master of Shamokin Lodge No. 255, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Shamokin Chapter No. 264, R. A. M.; past commander of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 30, K. T., and Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32d Degree, Scottish Rite Masons, at Bloomsburg; member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. of Mystic Shrine, at Reading, Pa.; is a past president of Camp No. 149, P. O. S. of A.; exalted ruler of Shamokin Lodge, B. P. O. E.; and past commander of Anthony Wayne Commandery No. 13, P. O. S. of A.; and is past national inspector of the National Camp, which honor was conferred on him at the meeting at Denver in 1885. Religiously our subject is of the Presbyterian faith. He married Sallie Lewis April 26, 1882, and has one son, Frederick S., born June 12, 1886.

The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Frederick Haas. He was a native of Sunbury, but left there and went into the coal regions of Schuylkill County, Pa., where he engaged in the coal operating business; subsequently he returned to Shamokin, Coal township, where he died. Politically he was an old line Whig and had served his party as county treasurer. The maternal grandfather was Samuel Williamson.

Frederick S. Haas, father of our subject, was born in Sunbury in 1830, and was reared and educated in that town. He was engaged in the service of the Northern Central R. R. Co., being weighmaster and train dispatcher. In 1867, or thereabout, he was made cashier of the First National Bank of Northumberland County, and remained in that capacity





JACOB MARKLE.

until the bank closed. He always was active in the work and organizations of his party, but never sought political preferment, except as school director, in which capacity he served from 1860 until his death, which occurred in 1878. He was a prominent Odd Fellow. He was a consistent Christian gentleman and a central figure in the Presbyterian Church in which he was a trustee and an active worker. His family consisted of six children: Samuel W., deceased; Frederick Potter Withington, who lives in Shamokin, and is a patternmaker; holding the position of foreman in John Mullen & Son's pattern shops; our subject; Bessie, who died at twenty-four years of age; Caroline and Sarah, both unmarried.

MISS ANNIE MARKLE, who belongs to one of Milton's oldest and highly respected families, was born in Milton, Northumberland County, and is the only surviving daughter of Jacob Markle.

Jacob Markle, whose portrait appears on a preceding page, was born in Berks County, Pa., and was a son of Christian Markle, who came with his father, Gasper Markle, from Germany, near Amsterdam, and settled in Berks County. There Gasper Markle engaged in agricultural pursuits and at a later period settled in Moreland, Lycoming County, Pa., where both he and his wife died. His wife was Annie Maria Straub, and they were the parents of two children: Joseph, who was a general in the War of 1812; and Christian, who removed to Milton as early as 1808, where he lived in retirement the remainder of his life. Christian's children were: Jacob; Gideon; Samuel; Peter; William; John; Mary; Elizabeth; and Catherine.

Jacob Markle, our subject's father, in early

manhood went to Reading, Pa., and learned to manufacture hats. After that he established a factory in Milton and made all kinds of men's hats. His factory was located where Mr. Embury's store now is, and he carried on a very extensive business for several years. He was united in marriage with Kate Hogen-teller, who died at the age of forty years, leaving one child, Zechariah. Being an only son, Zechariah was given the best of advantages, and after he grew to manhood's estate was instructed in every branch of hat-making, and succeeded his father in 1852, carrying on the business for many years. He married Ann Forrest. At a later period he engaged in the grocery business at Danville, retired in 1874, and lived, until he died in 1891, in Danville and Milton. He was active to the last and was a man who won the love and respect of all. Our subject's father was united the second time in marriage, his second wife being Harriet Eckert, a daughter of George Eckert of Berks County. She died April 2, 1893, in her ninetieth year. She was very active until her last day; all her faculties were unimpaired, her carriage graceful and upright; she was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, and was loved by both old and young in the very large circle of her acquaintances. Our subject's father succumbed to that insidious disease, consumption, in the prime of life, being forty-eight years old when he died. He was a private under his uncle, Gen. Joseph Markle, in the War of 1812. He left a valuable estate, from which his family has received the benefit for many years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Markle were the parents of two daughters: Elizabeth, who died at an early age; and Annie, our subject, who has been a life-long resident of Milton and owns considerable property, including a hand-



some brick residence on Mahanoy street. We find in her an exemplification of the truth of the saying, "As the mother, so the daughter," and her many friends can make her no better wish than that she continue to follow in her mother's footsteps.

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**J**OHAN HILL. This early pioneer was the first permanent settler on the Loyalsock Creek, in Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County, Pa. He bought his land, with the improvements on it that had been already made, of a man by the name of Ogden, who took his family in a canoe and went farther down the creek.

John Hill was a native of Upton, Leicester County, England. He left Liverpool November 15, 1793, and after a thirteen weeks' passage landed at New York February 18, 1794. He was a man of fine education, as his books and writings testify. On March 15, 1796, he was married to Mary Robb, daughter of Robert and Susanna Robb of Muncy, Pa. He died July 1, 1834, aged eighty-two years; his wife Mary's age and death are not recorded, but it is known that she lived to a good old age, respected by all who knew her. Their home was a house of entertainment for travelers during their married lives. The old Hill property has been a home for travelers for one hundred years, and still is; at the present date (1899) it is conducted as a licensed hotel. To John and Mary Hill were born four children, as follows: Susanna, born October 14, 1797, married Joseph Sadler, an account of whose life follows in this sketch; Mary, born April 14, 1799, married David Rogers, and reared a family of three daughters and two sons, dying in 1858; John Cheatle, born March 31, 1801,

died a bachelor October 4, 1841, at the age of forty; and Martha Jane, born January 15, 1805, and married to Isaac Craven,—she reared a family of three sons and two daughters, and lived to a good old age.

Joseph Sadler, who married Susanna Hill in 1819, was a son of Samuel Sadler of Liverpool, England. Joseph Sadler established the Sadler family in Sullivan County, and lived there until his death June 3, 1820. His wife lived to the age of sixty-seven years and eleven months. Their only child was John J.

John J. Sadler was born in Sullivan County March 21, 1820, and after growing up settled upon the old homestead left him by his father. He resided there and actively engaged in agricultural and lumbering pursuits until his death, September 12, 1890. He is survived by his wife, who now lives in the village of Hillsgrove. On November 3, 1853, he was united in marriage with Anna H. Bothwell, who was born in Canton, Bradford County, Pa., October 26, 1834, and they reared six children: Harriet W., born August 1, 1854, and died August 28, 1856; Claudius W., born November 14, 1856; Justin S., born August 22, 1859, and died March 1, 1860; Clara A., born April 22, 1861, is the wife of Malcolm McCormick, and lives at Wausau, Wis.; Alex. H., born April 22, 1864, died May 13, 1866; and Charles R., a barber by trade living in New Albany, Pa., born January 11, 1866, and married to Philena Sherman.

Claudius W. Sadler obtained a public school education and after leaving school engaged in working for the tannery in Hillsgrove, hauling bark and lumber. He followed that line of work for five years, after which he located on the Susanna Sadler property, where he has since resided. He has greatly improved the farm and has added to it, until there is now 100 acres in all. He has carried

on general farming and has by good management been very successful. He is a man of honor and possesses the esteem of his neighbors and many friends throughout the township. On November 17, 1884, he was united in marriage with Laura Hoagland, who was born in the village of Shunk, Sullivan County, February 14, 1861, and is a daughter of Uriah and Electa (Peppers) Hoagland, both of whom now reside in Shunk. Politically Mr. Sadler is a Republican. He is a member of Hillsgrove Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Shunk Lodge, No. 220, P. O. S. of A. In religious attachments his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hillsgrove.

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**N**ELSON M. SMITH, M. D., who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in the village of South Danville since 1882, is a man thoroughly familiar with the intricacies of his profession, in which he stands second to none in his vicinity. He was born at Trevorton, Northumberland County, August 12, 1857, and is a son of Samuel S., and Sarah (Reed) Smith, and a grandson of Morris Smith, who followed the trade of a miller in Shamokin township all of his life.

Dr. Samuel S. Smith, the father of our subject, was born in Northumberland County, and after completing his education in the common schools, began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Joseph Robbins, a physician of experience of Elysburg, Pa. He then matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated upon the completion of a two-years' course. He then began to practice at Hartleton, Union County, and after a time located at Trevorton, Northumberland County, where he firmly es-

tablished a good practice which he continued until his death in 1862, aged thirty-four years. He was joined in wedlock to Sarah Reed, a daughter of Mathias Reed, a resident of Irish Valley, Northumberland County, and they became the happy parents of the following children, all of whom were given good educations and are now highly respected citizens of the various communities in which they live: Galen, a farmer of Northumberland County; Dr. Nelson M., the subject of this sketch; William, a farmer and canner; Clinton S., a prosperous merchant of South Danville; Laura, wife of Dr. Kline of Reading; and Clara, who married Lafayette Lechler of Gearhart township.

Dr. Nelson M. Smith attended the public schools for several years, after which he became a medical student in the office of Dr. Pursell of Danville. He later entered the University of Pennsylvania from which he graduated with the class of 1882 and immediately after entered upon his first practice in South Danville. Having been reared in that section of the county, he was already well-known to many of the citizens of South Danville as a studious and enterprising young man who had attained a complete mastery of his chosen profession, and one in whom they could unhesitatingly place their confidence. He built an office on Sunbury street and in a remarkably short time acquired a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the Montour County Medical Society. He owns a fine residence on Gearhart street, and is also the owner of numerous valuable lots in the village.

Dr. Smith was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Lillie Gearhart, a daughter of Peter and Celestia (Coup) Gearhart, a lady of many excellent and lovable traits of character. Socially our subject is a member of

Mahanoy Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., whilst in religious views, he is an adherent to the faith of the Baptist Church.

JOSEPH ZUERN, an esteemed citizen of Shamokin, Pa., was born February 19, 1816, in what is known as the Irish Valley, Northumberland County, Pa., and is a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Cherry) Zuern.

The grandfather on the paternal side of the family was Michael Zuern, who was a native of Germany, whence he came to the United States, and died in a little village about five miles west of Shamokin, Pa., where he was engaged in mercantile business.

Solomon Zuern, the father of our subject, lived at Irish Valley until about 1817, when he removed with his family to Ohio and resided there about seven years; then he returned to Northumberland County, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death. He married Elizabeth Cherry, and to them were born six children who grew to maturity, and three who died in infancy. Hester, the eldest, was the wife of Samuel Hummel, both are now deceased; Samuel, deceased; Joseph, our subject; William, deceased; Daniel, deceased; and Mary Elizabeth, now deceased, who was married twice, first to Nathaniel Morgan, and after his death, to John Shipp.

Joseph Zuern, our subject, was a year old when his father moved to Ohio; upon his return with his parents to Pennsylvania, he began his education in a subscription school which was taught in an old log school house in the Irish Valley, attending but a limited time, however, perhaps one month in the winter time. When he was fourteen years of age he went with his uncle, Jacob Scholl, a tailor

in the neighborhood, and worked for him at tailoring for four years. Then, after working six months on a farm for wages, he learned the blacksmith's trade with his brother-in-law, Samuel Hummel, and they worked in the Black Rock tunnel at Phoenixville when the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad was being built in 1835, doing the first blacksmithing work in connection with the building of that tunnel. After learning this trade he went to what was known as the Big Tunnel on the Catawissa road then in the process of construction, and later went to Pottsville, thence to the Falls of Schuylkill, where he did the first work on the first bridge built across the Schuylkill River by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. On January 8, 1841, he removed to Shamokin and did general blacksmithing work until 1851, when he formed a partnership with Paul Ammerman, under the firm name of Ammerman & Zuern, and engaged in mercantile business, in which he continued for two years, when they engaged with a third person in the coal producing business for about three years. Giving up that line of work our subject established a flour, feed and provision store, which business he pursued uninterruptedly for twenty-seven years, when at the end of that time, in 1881, he retired from active business life. Mr. Zuern has always been a stanch Democrat, and in the 40's was appointed postmaster under the administration of President James K. Polk, but at the end of his term he resigned his position. Since 1836 he has been a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and has been prominent in the church government, holding at various times the offices of deacon, elder, and trustee.

Mr. Zuern has been twice married. His first wife was Mary Ann Teatsworth, and to them were born four children: Charles, born







MARTIN AND HELENA E. MARKLE.

November 9, 1843, and died when three days old; Clarissa, born March 8, 1845, who is the wife of William M. Smith, and they are now living in Altoona, Pa.; Alvin, born March 22, 1848, who is a tinner and resides in Shamokin, Pa.; Henrietta, born August 9, 1850, the wife of Frank K. Sausser, a tinner by trade. After the death of his first wife our subject married Mary Ann Sober, July 6, 1854, and by this marriage there were also four children: Austin Eugene, born May 15, 1855, and died February 1, 1897; Alice Rosalie, born January 10, 1858, now deceased; Lizzie Maria, born March 25, 1862, deceased; and Edwin Owen, born May 8, 1866, and now engaged in the jewelry business in Shamokin, Pa.

MARTIN MARKLE, formerly proprietor of Eagle Run Brewery, of Shamokin, Northumberland County, has by his honest and upright dealings won the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends among the leading business men in his section of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Markle was educated in the common schools and remained on the homestead farm in Germany until he attained the age of seventeen years. In April, 1852, he immigrated to the United States, arriving in New York April 23, 1852, remaining in that city but a short time, however, and then removing to Slatington, Northumberland County, Pa., where he entered the employ of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company as lock-tender, which occupied his attention for nineteen years.

In 1862 our subject engaged in the mercantile business and conducted a store at the lock, which place is known to this day as "Markle's Lock." In December, 1871, he lo-

cated in Shamokin and purchased the John B. Douty brewery, now known as Eagle Run Brewery, which he successfully operated until 1895, when he sold his business to P. H. Furmann and practically retired from active business pursuits, reaping the benefits of a reward commensurate with a life of industry and frugality.

Our subject was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 12, 1835, and is a son of George and Barbara (Souter) Markle, and a grandson of Jacob and Kathrina Souter on the maternal side. His father held a civil office under the German government for forty years; he died in Germany about 1890. Our subject is one of a family of seven children, most of whom are accounted for as follows: George Jacob, who came to America two years after our subject and settled in Greenfield, Mass., where he conducted the Germania Hotel for a period of twenty years,—he died September 22, 1898; Casper, who immigrated to the United States in 1857 and since 1866 has resided in Greenfield, Mass., a cutler by trade, having been engaged in that business ever since he left his native country; and George and Christina, both of whom reside in Germany.

Martin Markle was married, June 17, 1852, to Helena Eith, daughter of Casper Eith, a native of Germany. By this union were born seven children: Hannah, wife of Pius Schweibenz, who owns a brewery in East Mauch Chunk; William M., who at the time of his death, August 18, 1898, was proprietor of the Central Hotel in Shamokin; Amandus, who is in the employ of the Eagle Run Brewery; Helen, wife of Daniel Stahl, foreman of the same brewery; George F., a resident of Uniontown, Northumberland County, and a dairyman by avocation; Sarah, widow of Charles Tretter, who resides with her father

in Shamokin; and Cecelia, wife of Francis Rankey, a manufacturer of paper boxes in South Bethlehem, Pa. Mrs. Markle died November 9, 1898.

Mr. Markle enjoys the distinction of being one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of his adopted home. He is a director of the First National Bank of Shamokin and has been treasurer of the bank for thirteen years; a director of the Shamokin Powder Manufacturing Company; assisted in organizing the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Street Railway Company, and is one of its present board of directors; and also a director and treasurer of the Shamokin Street Railway Company. He is a Christian gentleman and a valued member of the Lutheran Church. In his political views he is very decided and is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian stamp. A portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Markle is shown on a preceding page.

**D**ENNIS BRIGHT, a retired hardware merchant, resides in a handsome home at No. 132 West Market street, in the borough of Danville, Montour County, Pa. The record of his life reveals unusual activity, and the height of the success which he has attained reflects great credit on his general business ability. Although at present he is not actively engaged in business, he is largely interested financially in a number of enterprises. He is a son of Peter and Mary (Evans) Bright, and was born in Valley township, Montour County, then Columbia County, Pa., March 22, 1839.

The family is of French and German extraction and was established in this country by Michael Bright, who was born in Christianstadt, Germany, May 6, 1706, and was a

son of John Bright. Coming to America in October, 1726, at the age of twenty years, when the province of Pennsylvania consisted of three counties, namely: Philadelphia, Bucks, and Chester, he located in Chester County. In 1728 he located at Schaeffers-town, Chester County, one of the oldest towns in the state, and there he became an extensive land-owner. He was united in marriage with Margaret Simon, a daughter of Jacob Simon, and their union resulted in the following issue: Jacob, born April 13, 1729; George, born in June, 1731; Michael, born November 24, 1732; Catherine, born April 6, 1834; John, born January 20, 1736; Peter, born May 13, 1738; David, born August 9, 1740; Maria, born August 1, 1742; Sally, born June 7, 1745; and Christian, born April 6, 1747.

Michael Bright, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a saddler by trade, and at an early day located in Reading, Berks County, where he kept one of the first hotels and was a very large landowner. In 1760 he built a residence at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, and there lived until his death, in 1814. His first marriage was with Sarah Stoner, by whom he had two children: Michael and Jacob. His second union was with Mrs. Catherine Brower, and their union was blessed with four children: Sarah, born November 11, 1769; and David, the grandfather of our subject, Peter and John, who died in infancy.

David Bright was born in Reading, August 5, 1771, and took to agricultural pursuits upon reaching manhood. He also followed teaming and also did considerable building in and about that city, being one of its most enterprising citizens. On January 27, 1793, he married Catherine Hottenstien, who died at the age of eighty years, and they became the parents of the following children: Sally, who



was born December 25, 1793, and married M. Yeager; Michael, born August 16, 1795; Abbie, born January 1, 1797, married George Fisler; William, born September 2, 1798, married Susan Lora; Catherine, born February 19, 1800, was the wife of John Green; John, born December 5, 1803; David, born December 25, 1808; Aaron, born July 8, 1809, married Maria Miller; and Francis, born September 1, 1812.

Peter Bright, the father of our subject, was born November 21, 1801, and early in life moved to Valley township, Montour County, and purchased the farm which our subject now owns. There he carried on general farming and became one of the first men of that section. He erected new buildings on the property and made many other improvements, opening up a limestone quarry, from which he supplied limestone to the Danville furnaces. He also burned lime to a great extent, and was a very energetic business man, accumulating a handsome competency. He died at the age of eighty-one years. In December, 1827, he was joined in Hymen's bonds with Mary Evans, a daughter of Philip and Ann Elizabeth (Van Reed) Evans, and the following children were born to them: Rebecca, who married Emanuel Seidler; Abner, and David, who died at an early age; Hiram, who married Rhoda A. Butler; Evans, deceased; Dennis, the gentleman whose name heads these lines; Albert, deceased; Penina, of Danville; Philip, deceased; Abbie, the wife of William Achenback; and Mary, deceased.

Dennis Bright obtained his primary education in the district schools, after which he walked three miles daily, that being the distance from his father's farm to Danville, in order that he might further his education by a course of study in the Danville Academy.

He then entered the Greenwood Seminary, where he remained for two years; following this he became a student in the Pittsburg Commercial College, where he received a business education. Returning home, he assisted his father in the labors about the farm until 1861, when he removed to Lafayette, Warren County, Ind., which was the home of one of his brothers. Upon the commencement of hostilities in the Civil War our subject determined to enter the service, and on April 20, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the 15th Reg., Ind. Vol. Inf., for three months. The regiment was held in Indianapolis by Gov. Morton until the expiration of that term, but when the call for three-years' men was made he re-enlisted on June 14, 1861, as first sergeant of Company A, of the same regiment. The regiment's first engagement was at Rich Mountain, W. Va., where, having put the Rebels to rout, the regiment was given orders to pursue them in their retreat. At Elkwater the rapidly retreating Confederates turned and made a bold stand, and in the engagement which followed our subject was wounded by a musket ball passing through his ankle, disabling him to such an extent that he was prevented from active service until the following spring. He was then ordered to his regiment and was promoted to a captaincy on the staff of Brig.-Gen. George D. Wagner, his brigade having been transferred from West Virginia to the army of Gen. Buell in Kentucky for the investment of Forts Henry and Donelson. Having figured in the capture of these two important points, the brigade joined the army of Gen. Grant in Tennessee, and at the battle of Pittsburg Landing Capt. Bright received an injury in his wounded ankle and was incapacitated for further active duty. He was detailed to garrison and provost duty, and after a service of two years was honorably



discharged. He immediately thereafter received an appointment as an assessor of internal revenue. He was subsequently appointed lieutenant-colonel of the 8th Division of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He located in Danville, where, in company with Col. Charles Eckerman, he purchased the plant now known as the Atlantic Oil Refining Company, which was established by John Heller and Charles Shultz. From the crude oil they refined illuminating oil and lubricating oil in large quantities and did a very extensive business. In 1872 they disposed of the business to Bailey & Welsch. Our subject, having heard nothing for some years of his brother Philip, who had gone to California, crossed the continent to search for him and found that he had been robbed and murdered. Returning one year later he bought the hardware establishment of Van Allen & Company in the Opera House block in Danville, and carried on this business with characteristic ability for a period of fifteen years. He then sold the business to E. J. Moore, and has since lived a retired life, with the exception of carrying on farming on the old family estate in Valley township, which he still owns. He also continues to conduct his limestone quarries. He is the owner of considerable property and has a winter home and orange grove in Marion County, Fla., where he spends the winter months, which are so cold and disagreeable in the Northern States. His home in Danville was built by Thomas Beaver; it is a fine brick residence and commands an excellent view of the Susquehanna River and beautiful mountain scenery.

In 1872 Mr. Bright married Lucy Reay, a daughter of John Reay. She is a lady of excellent qualities, is kind and charitable, and has proven a worthy companion and a loving wife. She is of English birth, but was reared

and educated in California. Our subject is a Republican in his political affiliations, and the manner in which he is esteemed by his fellow-citizens was shown when he was elected to the Legislature in 1872, being the first of his party to represent the district in that body. A kind husband and a true friend, our subject is well thought of by every one.

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**H**ON. WILLIAM K. HOLLOWAY, an honored and influential citizen of Danville, who is passing his latter days in retirement, enjoying a well-earned competency, and who is now serving his third term in the city council, was born in Amityville, Berks County, Pa., January 1, 1835. He spent his younger days upon his father's farm and attended the public schools of his native town. At the age of thirteen years, of his own free will he sought a position as clerk in a store in the city of Reading, the county seat of his native county. This was the starting out of a self-made man, one who became and who for many years has been a model business man. He has won an excellent reputation for square dealing, unswerving integrity and for all the many qualities which are component parts of true manhood. His example is one that might advantageously be followed by all. In 1856 our subject located in Danville, Pa., where he was employed as a clerk in the old Montour Iron Company's store; later he was transferred to the dry goods department, which position he retained one year, at which time the old firm was succeeded by Waterman & Beaver, when he was promoted to time-keeper and superintendent of accounts. His next promotion was to cashier and paymaster, in which capacity he remained about twelve years, fulfilling his duties with great credit to

himself and employers. In 1880 the store passed to Waterman & Company, who subsequently sold out to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and Mr. Holloway became general manager of the entire business. April 1, 1887, our subject, in company with W. C. Frick and F. P. Howe, purchased the store, and it was conducted under the firm name of William K. Holloway & Company. Three years later Mr. Frick purchased our subject's interest and Mr. Holloway then retired from active business, with the exception of looking after his personal and real property. In 1897 Mr. Holloway became a silent partner of the firm of Miller & Rhoads of Richmond, Va.

Our subject resides in his handsome brick residence, No. 16 Bloom street. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and although he has never sought political distinction, he served an unexpired term as associate judge, having been appointed by Gov. Beaver, and is now serving his third term in the city council. In 1859 Mr. Holloway was united in marriage to Ruth Yeager, a daughter of Jacob Yeager of Columbia County, Pa., and to this union five children have been given, namely: Sally, deceased, who was the wife of W. S. Rhoads, and they were the parents of one child, Katherine; Lizzie, who is the wife of Clarence Frick, teller of the Danville National Bank, and who has reared three children, Ruth, Clarence, and Cordelia; William D., who was recently a member of the firm of Holloway & Hurst, dealers in wholesale stationery, of Danville; Thomas B., who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical College in 1897 and is now a resident physician of the Philadelphia Hospital; and Mary, who resides at home. Mr. Holloway and his family are popular and consistent workers in the Presbyterian Church.

**EDWIN W. ALEXANDER.** This worthy and esteemed citizen of Benton, Pa., after a life of industry in the peaceful and honorable occupation of a farmer, is now living in retirement in the above named borough. He is a son of Silas and Elizabeth (Smith) Alexander, and was born in Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pa., April 8, 1841.

Silas Alexander was a native of New Jersey, and was born in 1799, and died in Wilkesbarre, Pa., aged eighty-nine years, in 1887. He was an orphan, raised by an uncle. He was an apt scholar and acquired a good education in the common schools of his native town, and at the age of eighteen years he moved to Nanticoke, Pa., and there engaged in teaching school a short time. He then moved to New York city where he opened and conducted an eating house until the cholera epidemic broke out in 1832. He then returned to Nanticoke and carried on general merchandising the remainder of his life. He was a very successful merchant and succeeded in accumulating a small fortune. Politically he was formerly an old line Whig, but later a staunch Republican; he served as postmaster of Nanticoke for fifty years, his service only being broken during the administration of President Buchanan. Religiously he was a member and active supporter of the Presbyterian Church. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Smith, a native of Luzerne County, Pa., and this union was blessed by the birth of thirteen children, namely: Cyrus, a retired business man of Nanticoke; Mary A., James, Maria, and John, deceased; Charles, of Ithaca, N. Y.; Eugene, a merchant of Nanticoke; Adrian, a retired citizen of Nanticoke; Phoebe A., wife of Mr. Lesering; Edwin W., our subject; and three who died in infancy.

Edwin W. Alexander was educated in the

schools of Nanticoke, and then began clerking in his father's store, where he remained until 1878 when he bought a farm in Benton township, Columbia County, Pa. He there pursued the vocation of an agriculturist until 1890 when he sold his property and moved to the borough of Benton where he has since lived in retirement, enjoying a well earned competency. Our subject owns the Alexander homestead in Nanticoke, and since his father's death he has replaced the old stone buildings with new brick ones; he also owns a tract of coal land in Nanticoke, Pa.

Mr. Alexander is an ardent Republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln; religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In 1866 Mr. Alexander was united in the bonds of matrimony with Anna A. Tompkins. Six children have been born to them, namely: James D., a wholesale confectioner; Mary Elizabeth, the wife of B. C. Lambach, a wholesale confectioner and baker of Freeland, Pa.; a son and daughter who died in infancy; Charles A., who died in his boyhood; and Mabel, aged ten years, who resides with her parents. Gideon Tompkins, our subject's father-in-law, was a successful farmer and stonemason of Slocum township, Luzerne County, Pa. He died at the age of eighty-three years; he was a member of the Methodist Church. His wife was Elizabeth Carson, a native of Philadelphia, where our subject's wife was also born. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins later moved to Montgomery County, where they resided until 1854, when they became residents of Slocum township, Luzerne County, Pa.

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**D**R. BLAKE E. GAMBLE, a young and successful practitioner of medicine of Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., is associated with Dr. F. M. Gross, a well-

known physician of that community, and they have a large and lucrative practice, which extends throughout Elkland, Fox and Forks townships. He is a son of Dr. Emanuel and Annie (Blake) Gamble, and was born in Bradford County, Pa., November 3, 1869.

Dr. Emanuel Gamble, the father of our subject, was born at Jersey Shore, Pa., and when young studied medicine and was graduated from the Eclectic College of Medicine at Cincinnati, Ohio. He then moved to Bradford County, Pa., where he engaged in the practice of his profession with much success for a period of twenty years, after which he returned to Cincinnati. Finally he entered upon practice in Waverly, N. Y., and continued until his demise, at the age of fifty-three years. He married Annie Blake of Franklin, Bradford County, Pa., and they became the parents of three children. Mrs. Gamble passed away at the age of twenty-five years.

Dr. Blake E. Gamble obtained his intellectual training in the public schools, after which he studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. Thomas Gamble of East Troy, entering upon his study with a vim and determination which was not to be denied. He then entered the Eclectic College of Medicine of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated in 1891, having thoroughly mastered his profession, and he immediately thereafter located at Forksville, Sullivan County, Pa., principally to regain his health, which had become quite feeble, owing to overstudy. He practiced to some extent for the following two years, and then returned to Cincinnati to take a special course in biochemistry and electro-physics. In 1894 he again moved to Forksville, where he soon established a good practice, and in 1897 he formed a partnership with Dr. Gross, with whom he has since been associated. They have a large village and country practice,



which extends throughout the township. Our subject is a man of excellent character, is popular and stands high in the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Dr. Gamble was joined in Hymen's bonds with Blanche Collins, a daughter of A. A. Collins of Forksville, and was called upon to mourn her death in 1897, at the age of twenty years. Socially Dr. Gamble is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Troy, Pa., and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America of Forksville.

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**P**HILIP M. FORRESTER, a prominent citizen of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland County, now living on the old Forrester homestead, was born April 4, 1836, and is a son of James and Sarah (Mettler) Forrester.

The paternal grandfather was John Forrester of New Jersey, who married Jane Beatty, also of the same state. About 1800 they located on the tract of land in Upper Augusta township, now known as the old Forrester place, where the subject of our sketch now resides. There were but few improvements and little cleared land on the tract. Mr. Forrester set to work and, after clearing many acres of forest land, built a small house and made many improvements in general. There he lived the remainder of his life and carried on farming, also teaching school several years in the township. Mr. Forrester was greatly interested in educational matters, and he gave the land for and helped to erect a school house on his farm. He was a very bright and intelligent man and was greatly loved by his neighbors. He was a Methodist and prominent in church affairs. He died at the age of seventy years and was much mourned by all. His children were: Esther, who

married Michael Moore; Betsey, who married Henry Kline; Ann, the wife of Isaac Kline; Sarah, who married Jacob Heller; James B., the father of our subject; and Jane, who died unmarried.

The maternal grandfather was Henry Mettler of New Jersey who located at an early date in Rush township, Northumberland County, and followed farming, and also was local preacher. He had seven children as follows: Nancy, who married Henry Kline; Hannah, wife of B. Kase; Mary, the wife of James Eackman; Sarah, our subject's mother; John, who married Elizabeth Laycock; Ralph, who married Mary Houseworth; and William, who married Elizabeth Clark.

James B. Forrester, the father of our subject, was born October 13, 1796, in Trenton, N. J., and died at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife lived to the age of eighty-seven years. Their children were as follows: Francis, born December 3, 1819, died at an early age; George, now deceased, married Barbara Smith, and later Ella Savage; William, born May 14, 1823, deceased; John, born January 18, 1824, deceased; Samuel B., born October 18, 1827, and died young; Henry M., a farmer living in Muncy, Pa., born March 16, 1829, married Susan Farr; Jane, born September 10, 1830, deceased; Ira M., a retired farmer residing in Danville, Pa., born May 12, 1833, first married Malinda Eckman and secondly Sarah Roberts; Elizabeth, born March 24, 1834, married David Anderson and they live in Winnebago, Ill.; Philip M., our subject; Capt. Charles W., born December 23, 1838, who is western superintendent of the Star Union Line, and has his headquarters at Chicago,—he served three years in the war of the Rebellion; Sarah, born September 19, 1841, married Peter Moore, and died in 1876; James E., born November 18, 1843, now liv-



ing in retirement at Selinsgrove, Pa., who married Rebecca Caldwell and later Mary Emery. The children were educated in the public schools, some attending school at Sunbury and Williamsport, Pa.

Our subject, Philip M. Forrester, lived at home until October 8, 1861, when he enlisted in Company I, 58th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., at Sunbury, under the command of Col. Richter Jones and Col. Readman. Mr. Forrester served under Capt. Jackson and Capt. Beyers, and fought in the battles of Suffolk, Va., Little Washington, N. C., and Cold Harbor, Va., taking part in many skirmishes. After three years, four months and twenty-four days in the army, he was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., February 27, 1865, when he returned to his home, remaining there until his marriage. January 19, 1869, he married Sarah Ellen Clark, of Rush township, who was born December 31, 1839. She was a daughter of William and Jane (Moore) Clark. Mr. Clark was born in Upper Augusta township, followed agricultural pursuits in Rush township, and died in August, 1878, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, a native of Rush township, died in 1888, at the age of eighty years. They had seven children, as follows: Lukins C., who married Mary Kinnie, and lives in Fayette, Ia.; Asenath, who married John Bird, now deceased; Hamilton, a retired farmer residing in Catawissa, Pa., who married Margaret Redder; Mary, the wife of J. D. Clinton Kase, a retired farmer at Elysburg, Pa., whose life history is given elsewhere in this work; Margaret, the wife of John Walize, a retired farmer of Rush township; William, also a retired farmer in Rush township, who wedded Ellen Kase; and Sarah Ellen, the wife of our subject.

Philip M. Forrester, the subject of this biography, has resided since 1865 on the old

homestead which consists of 123 acres, and he has made many improvements on the place. He has twenty-one head of stock, and since August 16, 1882, has operated a milk route in Sunbury. He also carries on general farming. Mr. Forrester is a staunch Republican and has held many township offices. He is a member of William A. Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., of Sunbury. He attends the Methodist Church at Kline's Grove. Mr. Forrester is highly respected and has a large number of firm friends. His union with Sarah Ellen Clark has been blessed with five children: Gertrude, born May 22, 1870, now living at home; Charles R., born October 8, 1871, who married Mazie Haughawout, of Rush township, and they are the parents of two children, Margaret Ellen, born October 18, 1895, and Lilian Grace, born October 20, 1897; William C., born March 24, 1874, now living at home; Sarah, born October 4, 1878, also at home; and Elizabeth, born September 16, 1881, who is at home. Charles R. assists his father in the dairy business.

**V**ORIS AUTEN, a successful and prominent attorney-at-law of Mount Carmel, is a son of William Maxwell and Sarah (Allison) Auten, and was born July 8, 1856, in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland County. \* The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Northumberland County, in which he resided during his lifetime, and was a miller and millwright by occupation. The father of our subject was also a millwright and was born in Northumberland County July 7, 1814. He was active in local politics as a Democrat and held several offices, including justice of the peace and school director. He was also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church until his





PETER S. HARMAN.



JAMES LEE HARMAN.

death in January, 1891. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Auten, James Allison, was one of the pioneers of Northumberland County.

The subject of this review, Voris Auten, was reared in the township in which he was born. He was educated in the common schools and in the Lewisburg Academy and University, pursuing part of the scientific course in the latter institution. For several terms he taught in the common schools of his native township and for six years in the schools of Sunbury. While teaching to earn his livelihood our subject also took up the study of law under the guidance of Frank A. Marr, an attorney of Sunbury. He was unusually successful in mastering the intricacies of legal lore and was admitted to the bar of Northumberland County in September, 1881. In June, 1883, he removed to Mount Carmel, opened an office and soon began to acquire the practice which has grown constantly until it has become large and lucrative.

In politics Mr. Auten is an active and enthusiastic Democrat. He was elected district attorney of the county in the fall of 1889, and so satisfactorily did he fulfill the duties of the office that he was re-elected to a second term in 1892. He is president of the First National Bank of Mount Carmel, also a director of the Mount Carmel Water Company. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the F. & A. M.

On June 9, 1887, Mr. Auten was united in marriage with Jennie Renn, daughter of Dr. George M. Renn of Sunbury. To them has been born one child, Agnes Renn, July 11, 1893.

citizens of Bloomsburg for his sterling worth and integrity as a neighbor, a gentleman, and citizen. He is senior member of the firm of Harman & Hassert, the largest car-builders and machinists of Bloomsburg. Our subject was born in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa., June 5, 1831, and is a son of George and Mary (Knorr) Harman.

George Harman was a native of Northumberland County, Pa., and settled in Mifflin township, Columbia County, in 1833; later he located in Orangeville where he followed his trade as a tanner, having learned it during his boyhood days. He was very successful and by his energy, industry and the exercise of economy, amassed a fortune and spent his latter days in ease and comfort. He passed from this life at the age of eighty-three years.

Peter S. Harman, when only thirteen years of age, left the parental roof to serve an apprenticeship to the molder's trade, working with Louis H. Mäus, of Bloomsburg. He then traveled through the West, working at his trade as a journeyman, later going to Philadelphia, where he worked for three years; in 1861 he moved to Mahanoy City, Pa.; and for three years conducted a foundry and machine shop. Removing to Bloomsburg he formed a partnership with Benjamin F. Sharpless and operated a foundry and machine shop under the name of Sharpless & Harman. Four years later Mr. Harman established his present business. In 1875, in company with George Hassert, a skilled mechanic and industrious workman, our subject purchased a tract of land, formerly known as the Barton farm, erected a building 50 by 60 feet, and began the manufacture of the Eclipse cooking stove and heater, and the Montrose plough. The business, conducted under the firm name of Harman & Hassert, increased so rapidly that in 1879 they bought more land and in

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**P**ETER S. HARMAN. The gentleman whose name heads this biography is one of the best known men of Columbia County, and is greatly respected by the



1880 built a large addition to their shop; it now has 300 feet frontage on East street and is 300 feet deep. They have added the manufacture of mining cars and castings, machinery for constructing and operating mines, and a repair shop, and they give employment to about 60 men who turn out first-class work. Our subject is truly a self-made man, and owes his present good standing to his energetic and industrious habits. He always has taken an active interest in the progress of his adopted town, and when the elevator works failed he was among the first to put money in and assist it to run again, thus giving employment to a large number of men and assisting materially to keep up the business interests of the town.

Mr. Hartman purchased a lot of John Penman on Iron street upon which he built the handsome house in which he now resides. In 1856 he was united in the bonds of matrimony with Rebecca Freeze, a daughter of James and Frances (Goss) Freeze; her father was one of the early millers of Bloomsburg. Our subject and wife have reared seven children, of whom those surviving are well established in life and are popular and well-to-do in the various localities in which they reside. These children were as follows: Frank F., who died aged five years; Howard F., who died aged three years; Grace, the wife of Daniel Butler; Fanny, wife of William E. Hartman; Jennie, who wedded Amos H. Stroh; James Lee; Mary; John G., who is district attorney of Columbia County; and Paul Z., the youngest, a student at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Mr. Hartman was formerly a Whig, but has been a stanch Republican since the formation of the party. He has served as president of the Bloomsburg borough council for four years, and as councilman three years. Religiously he is a member of the Episcopal

Church. Our subject is one of the most substantial and active Masons in the county; is past master of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; past T. I. G. master of Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M.; past E. M. T. commander of Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; and is V. G. treasurer of Zerrubbabel Council, P. of J., 16th degree.

James Lee Harman married Jessie Kimble, served an apprenticeship to the molder's trade, and is now bookkeeper in his father's office. He is prominently connected with Masonic societies, having received the 32d degree. He is T. I. G. M. of Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, R. and L.; T. P. G. M. of Enoch Grand Lodge of Perf., 14th degree, Ancient and Scottish Rite; grand treasurer of Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32d degree; and treasurer of Orient Conclave, No. 2.

Portraits of Peter S. and James Lee Harman appear on a preceding page.

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**H**ARRY DIEMER, a prosperous farmer of Montour township, Columbia County, is a son of Samuel B. and Mary Jane (Richards) Diemer, and was born at Catawissa, Pa., January 27, 1863.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Ireland, who came to America when young and located in Pennsylvania. His son, the grandfather of our subject, was a well-known carpenter and builder of the town of Sunbury, Northumberland County. He erected many large buildings in that vicinity, all by the old method which was much more difficult than the process of to-day as the lumber when placed in the hands of the carpenter was rough and unfinished. He was an active member in and

a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was twice married, and reared a family of two sons and two daughters, namely: Sarah; Elizabeth; John, a late resident of Sunbury; and Samuel B., our subject's father.

Samuel B. Diemer was born in the town of Sunbury in 1818 and during his younger working days was engaged as a bookkeeper in Philadelphia. Later he resided in Mainville, Columbia County, where he managed a store for a brief period; then he purchased the old Esther Furnace four miles back of Catawissa, which he successfully operated for a number of years, but during the Rebellion, the Confederates seized a large quantity of his iron that was then in Richmond, Va. The financial loss caused him to suspend operations in the furnace, and his next business ventures were to conduct a general merchandise store at Centralia and later one at Catawissa, which he conducted with remarkable success until his death in 1890. During the war he joined a Pennsylvania reserve corps, and although he did not have the opportunity to take part in any important battles, he was on the reserve force at Antietam, Gettysburg, and several other places. In political belief Mr. Diemer was a Republican and served as assessor and notary public for many years, during which time he transacted considerable business of a legal nature. Socially he was a member of the Masonic fraternity for many years. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mary Jane Richards, a daughter of the late John Richards, a successful farmer who owned the property upon which our subject is now located, and they became the happy parents of three sons and four daughters, namely: Hattie R., a resident of Catawissa; Clara, the wife of W. H. Abbott of Catawissa; John R., a merchant of Catawissa;

Harry, the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch; and three who died in infancy.

Harry Diemer was reared in Catawissa where he received his education in the public schools and at the State Normal School of Bloomsburg. At an early age he began work in the store and remained there until his marriage in 1886, when he moved upon his maternal grandfather's farm, which is now owned by Mrs. Diemer. It is an excellent piece of property, consisting of 200 acres of good farm land, upon which he carries on general farming and dairying. He has quite a large milk route, supplying the village of Rupert. Mr. Diemer is an up-to-date farmer in every respect and uses only the latest of farming implements, thereby gaining an advantage over those who still cling to the old patterns. He is honest and upright in all his dealings and is held in high esteem by his neighbors.

On March 30, 1886, our subject was united in matrimonial bonds to Emma J. Rauch, a daughter of Michael Rauch of Rupert, by whom he has three sons and one daughter: John; William; Robert; and Mary Jane. Politically Mr. Diemer is a staunch Republican; for many years he has been school director.

ISAAC N. GRIER, Esq., is a prominent and wealthy citizen of Danville. He was born in Danville, December 27, 1835, is a son of Michael C. and Isabella (Montgomery) Grier, and a grandson of Rev. Isaac Grier, S. T. D. His mother, Isabella, was the daughter of Alexander Montgomery, and granddaughter of Gen. William Montgomery, prominent in civil and military affairs throughout the Revolutionary period. The great-grandfather was Col. John Grier,

who was of Scotch-Irish birth, and with many other Protestants came to America about the year 1740. This sturdy old ancestor was a farmer and resided below Chambersburg, Pa. His son, Rev. Isaac Grier, above named, was the first minister on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River; he was pastor of a Presbyterian church of Northumberland, of Sunbury, and in Clinton County, and was for several years principal of the old brick college at Northumberland. His death occurred in 1812 or 1813. He was married to Elizabeth Cooper, a daughter of Dr. Cooper, who was chaplain at Gen. Washington's headquarters and was held as a prisoner by the British for many months. Among their children were Robert C., who became an eminent jurist and a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Thomas C., principal of the Danville Academy, who died young; Rev. Isaac, D. D., a graduate of Princeton College, who preached over fifty years in the Presbyterian Church; John C., who first settled in Danville, where he conducted a mercantile business until 1846, when he went to Wilkesbarre, Pa., and thence to Peoria, Ill.; William N. was educated at West Point, served on the western frontier and also during the Civil War, and was colonel of the 1st Regiment, U. S. Cavalry, later being commissioned brigadier-general; Martha, was the wife of Gen. Robert Orr of Kittanning, Pa.; Jane was married to William Hibbler of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Elizabeth married Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Strong; Margaret married Henry Sproul, of Pittsburg, Pa.; M. C. was a prominent Pennsylvanian, greatly esteemed for his philanthropic nature, his public spirit and his high place among the most honored and influential laymen in the synods and general assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Isaac X. Grier was the second son of M.

C. Grier, the eldest son being W. A. M. Grier of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the youngest Rev. J. B. Grier, D. D. Mr. Grier graduated at Lafayette College in 1858. Before going to college he had learned telegraphy and after graduating he acted as secretary and treasurer of the old Susquehanna River and North and West Branch Telegraph Company, later merged into the Western Union. Meanwhile he studied law in the office of Edward H. Baldy, Esq., and was admitted to the bar in 1861. Aside from his legal practice he was fully identified with the large public interests of the community and was especially zealous and successful in his efforts to bring about the location at Danville of the State Hospital for the Insane, of which he is one of the trustees. In 1885 he was admonished by impaired health, resulting from overwork, to restrict his practice to the management of his own large estate, mainly in the neighborhood of Scranton, and the care of a limited number of clients. In 1865 Mr. Grier was married to Emma W. Porter, youngest daughter of Hon. James M. Porter of Easton, Pa., an eminent jurist and Secretary of War in the Cabinet of President Tyler.

Mr. Grier's only son, J. M. P. Grier, graduated at Lafayette College in 1888, and was about to be admitted to the bar when he suddenly died. The daughter, Isabella, is the wife of Hon. Rufus King Polk, present Representative in Congress from the Seventeenth Pennsylvania District.

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**D**ANIEL F. SCHMICK. The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company has an efficient servant in Daniel F. Schmick, yardmaster at Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa. His connection with this road dates back to 1878, when he was



a brakeman; afterward he served some time as a conductor, and subsequently was advanced to his present responsible position as yardmaster, which he has filled to the entire satisfaction of the company for nearly eleven years, which is the most flattering recognition of his ability and worth.

Mr. Schmick was born on the eightieth anniversary of the independence of our country, July 4, 1856, in Hamburg, Berks County, Pa., and is a son of Theodore and Sarah (Shaffer) Schmick. His father was also a native of Hamburg, Berks County, as was also his grandfather, Peter Schmick, who belonged to one of the pioneer families of that section of Pennsylvania. He was a blacksmith of noted skill and was living at Catawissa at his death. Theodore Schmick, father of our subject, was in active service on the railroad for a period of at least fifteen years. He was killed January 25, 1882, in a terrible manner, at the age of forty-six years and eleven months. He was in the employ of the Reading Railroad, serving as conductor when he was deprived of life by a wreck on the Catawissa Branch. Prior to his death he was a conductor for many years. At the age of twenty-one he enlisted in a military company at Catawissa. He also served in the Union Army for several months during the Civil War.

Mr. Schmick attended the public schools, but had very few advantages for securing an education. Early in life he learned the trade of a house painter, also the undertaking and cabinet-making business with his father in his native city. Subsequently he worked in a keg factory. His first experience at railroading was in the employ of the Catawissa Railroad Company as car greaser, after which he worked for the Philadelphia & Reading as brakeman.

Our subject was united in marriage with

Ida Lynn and has a large family, ten children having been born to the couple, one now deceased. Mr. Schmick is an active and valued member of Garfield Lodge No. 1,061, I. O. O. F.

ELIAS DILTZ, a progressive and enterprising farmer of Davidson township, Sullivan County, Pa., comes of German ancestry, although he, himself, was born April 1, 1865, in Sugar Loaf township, Columbia County, and is a son of Emanuel and Lovina A. (Kline) Diltz.

George Diltz, our subject's grandfather, was the original emigrant, having been reared to manhood in Germany. Upon his arrival in this country he settled in Sugar Loaf township, Columbia County, Pa., where he took up a tract of 150 acres of timber land. This farm is now divided among his sons Emanuel and John, and a part belongs to Thomas Smith; it has since been cleared and now constitutes one of the best pieces of farming land in that township. Our subject's grandfather followed both the farming and lumbering business, in which he was remarkably successful; he owned two saw mills, one of which is still in operation and in possession of Silas Benjamin. He died in 1873 at the age of sixty-five years, and his wife died at about the same time aged sixty years. Their children were: Philip, Sally, Emanuel, John, Elias, and Betsey.

Emanuel Diltz was born in Sugar Loaf township, and was also reared and educated there; he started out in life as a lumberman, and while still a young man purchased from his father 50 acres of land, upon which he has continued to reside up to the present time. He also bought his father's saw and shingle



mill, which he continues to operate. Mr. Diltz is past his sixty-fifth year in life and is prominently known throughout his community as a good neighbor and excellent citizen. Politically he is a Democrat, and is an earnest and conscientious supporter of his party. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Church. His union with Lovina A. Kline resulted in the birth of the following children: Irvin, who wedded Clara Kitchen; Elias, our subject; Emma, wife of Britton Cole; Lizzie B., wife of Harvey Clinger; and Oma.

Elias Diltz received his schooling in his native township. His first business venture was in farming, he having rented his father's farm for one year. After carrying on lumbering a short time he removed to Sullivan County and settled in Nordmont, where he worked in the woods peeling bark. In 1886 he took up his residence in Davidson township, where he purchased his present farm of 50 acres of Joseph Robbins. In 1893 he erected a two-story frame house and in 1896 a fine commodious barn. The house stands on the same ground where, 75 years ago, William J. and Susannah Robbins, grandparents of Mrs. Alice Robbins Diltz, first built a log house and settled, and where they lived for several years. They came from Columbia County, when Davidson township, Sullivan County, and in fact the whole of Sullivan County, was little better than a wilderness of forest. The pioneers cleared the farm and raised a family of four sons and one daughter,—Henderson, Thomas, Leonard, Joseph, and Mary. During the winter months after the harvests had been gathered Mr. Diltz worked in the woods for different contractors. Our subject is an industrious, painstaking, honest farmer, possessing many warm friends in the

community of which he is a valued member.

Mr. Diltz was joined in matrimonial bonds with Alice Robbins, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Henley) Robbins, and five children have been born to them, namely: Lester, Charles, Hazel Josephine, Willard, and Mary. In politics Mr. Diltz, though not an office-seeker, firmly advocates the principles of the Democratic party.

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JOHN ADAM CAKE, Jr., M. D., is a young man who has built up a large practice in the short time he has been in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., and he promises to be one of the most prominent and successful physicians of his time. The marvelous rapidity with which he has built up his present clientage is almost incredible to one not familiar with the Doctor's push and energy. Almost his entire time not given to his practice is devoted to study, and his admirers feel satisfied that he will yet win a name that will rank high in the world of science. Dr. Cake was born in Sunbury, January 19, 1869, is a son of John Adam and Minnie E. (McCullough) Cake, and a grandson of Joseph Cake.

John Adam Cake, Sr., father of Dr. John Adam Cake, was born in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pa., August 25, 1846, and is a son of Joseph W. Cake, after whom the hamlet of Caketown, which is now part of Sunbury, was named. John Cake was educated at Russell's Military School and at Yale and Princeton, after which he read law for some time with Benjamin H. Brewster of Philadelphia; he subsequently pursued his studies one year with Rockefeller & Rohrbach of Sunbury, and then was admitted to the bar in Sunbury in

March, 1870, where he has practiced ever since, and also looked after his large property interests. In 1867-68 he was assistant cashier in the Philadelphia Custom House under his father, who was then United States Collector at that port. In 1878 he was a delegate to the convention held at Toledo, O., for the purpose of organizing the Greenback and Labor party, and therein took an active part. Later he represented his district in the national conventions of 1880 and 1884, and in the ensuing campaigns worked hard for the success of the candidates, Weaver and Butler. In 1880 he was his party's nominee for Congress and in 1882 their candidate for judge of the Supreme Court. He is now a Republican, but has withdrawn from active participation in politics. On February 27, 1868, at Pottsville, Pa., Mr. Cake was married to Minnie E. McCullough, daughter of Capt. Hugh McCullough, who fell at Murfreesboro, Tenn., in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Cake have four children: Dr. John Adam, the subject of this sketch; Minnie C.; Joseph W.; and Edith.

Dr. John Adam Cake was educated in the Sunbury High School, graduating in 1887, after which he entered Lafayette College at Easton, where he studied three years. On his return to Sunbury he read medicine with the late Dr. F. B. Masser, subsequently entering the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1893. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Sunbury. In February, 1894, Dr. Cake was joined in wedlock with Clara Jones, an accomplished young lady of Shamokin, Coal township, Pa. They have one daughter, Helen Marie. Our subject is a great lover of athletic sports, and while at college he spent much time in the gymnasium and athletic departments. He is an active and participating member of the Northumberland County Medical Society.

**W**ILLIAM B. TAYLOR, one of the bright and energetic young business men of the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, who is proprietor of the largest bottling establishment in the county, was born in Roaring Creek township, Columbia County, in the old log house which stood at the foot of Cinder Tip of Esther Furnace, and is a son of Franklin and Elizabeth (Bonawitz) Taylor, and a grandson of George and Mary (Giger) Taylor.

George Taylor, the grandfather of our subject, was of sturdy Scotch-Irish descent, born in Virginia, and was a veteran in the War of 1812. He learned the trade of a miller at Brandywine, Chester County, Pa., and later moved to Columbia County, where he was employed for seven years by John J. Bowman of Catawissa. He followed the trade of a miller all his active days, and was considered among the best in his line of business. He was joined in wedlock to Mary Giger, a daughter of Conrad Giger, and a family of ten children was the result of this union, namely: Washington; Franklin, the father of our subject; Maria; John; Caroline; Harriet; Sarah; Martha; Margaret J.; and Martin. Mr. Taylor died at the age of fifty-five years; his wife lived to the age of eighty-four years.

Franklin Taylor, the father of our subject, was born at Bowman's Mills, now Ash Mills, in Briarcreek township, Columbia County, Pa., January 27, 1823, and during his boyhood days he worked with his father learning the trade of a miller, and remained in his employ until his father's death. He then worked for the Esther Charcoal & Iron Furnace Company for eighteen years, and later became keeper of the same works. In 1863 he removed to Bloomsburg, where he found employment in the foundry works for twenty

years. In 1887 Mr. Taylor was appointed janitor of the Fifth Street Public School, a position he holds at the present time. He purchased a home at No. 147 Fourth street, where he is spending the remainder of his active days. He was wedded to Elizabeth Bonawitz, who was born in Dauphin County, Pa., August 3, 1828. They are the parents of the following children: Jennie, deceased; Charles, a molder residing in Bloomsburg; George, deceased; William B., whose name heads this sketch; Annie and Margaret, deceased; Harry, a merchant by profession; Franklin, deceased; and Clarence, deceased.

William B. Taylor received his schooling in the public schools of Bloomsburg. During vacations he worked in a brickyard, carrying brick and later at scraping castings for B. F. Sharpless; and next at mixing mortar and carrying a hod. Later he served an apprenticeship with J. H. Sterner for several years at the carpenter's trade. For a year he worked at car building; then was bartender for his father-in-law for three years, after which he engaged in contracting with W. H. Rhodomoyer as partner. Subsequently our subject bought W. H. Gilmore's bottling works, the largest of the kind in Columbia County. He has added two buildings, 45 by 80 feet and 25 by 80 feet respectively, to the works. Three teams are kept constantly busy delivering. Our subject makes a specialty of bottling ale, porter, carbonated drinks and Bartholomay lager beer.

Our subject resides in a neat little residence located at No. 128 Iron street. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Lillie M. Gilmore, a daughter of W. H. Gilmore, and granddaughter of William and Hester (Quiger) Gilmore, both natives of Connecticut.

W. H. Gilmore came to Columbia County in 1852 and followed farming until 1862,

when he enlisted in Company E., 132d Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and served gallantly throughout the war. The most notable battles in which Mr. Gilmore participated were Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. After the close of the war he conducted a saloon for thirty-three years, and in 1883 he started the bottling business now owned by our subject. He wedded Emma Wicht, a daughter of William Wicht, and they reared the following children: Lillian, William, Charles, Mary and Harry.

Our subject and wife are the parents of eight children, namely: Emma E.; Charles H.; George F.; Jennie M.; Lillian M.; Hattie B., deceased; Annia K.; and Willie D. Mr. Taylor is a staunch Democrat in his political views; socially he is a member of the O. U. A. M. of Bloomsburg.

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**J**OHN F. GIBBONS, who ably represents the First Ward in the borough council of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Pa., is the popular proprietor of a hotel located at Vine and Water streets, and is widely known as one of the leading citizens of his community. He is a son of John and Mary (Gibbons) Gibbons, and was born in Mount Carmel township, Northumberland County, December 1, 1862.

John Gibbons, the father of our subject, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, but when young came to America, where he followed the occupation of a miner. He continued in that line of work until he met his death by accident while working in the mines, February 25, 1878.

John F. Gibbons, our subject, was educated in the common schools and began active work on his own account as a slate-picker at







HUGH D. McBRIDE.

the age of eight years. Being naturally bright and industrious, he was bound to work his way to better things, and it was but a short time until he was a driver, and next a loader-boss. He then worked for a time with his brother, P. H. Gibbons, who is now district superintendent of the United Improved Gas Company of Philadelphia, but was then engaged in the tea business. He next accepted a position in the Pennsylvania Railroad depot as a trucker, in which capacity he served for six months, when he returned to Mount Carmel and resumed work in the mines. This he continued until November 24, 1892, when he embarked in the hotel business at Vine and Water streets, where he has since been located. He has met with unusual success in this business and has established a first-class reputation. He has entered actively into the field of politics and is one of the leaders in the Democratic party. He has frequently been a delegate to county conventions, and in February, 1896, was elected to the borough council from the First Ward, a high compliment to his popularity, for the district had gone Republican by three hundred majority at the previous election. He served his constituents so well that he was again persuaded to run for the office.

On September 27, 1887, Mr. Gibbons was united in marriage to Mary E. Quinn, and they are the parents of four children: Mary; Katie; Adrian, who died at the age of three and a half years; and Helen, who died at the age of thirteen months. In social life our subject is also very prominent, being an officer in many fraternities. He is a member of the F. O. R. L. B., of which he was president and also treasurer for six successive terms; of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which he has been treasurer since its organization in 1882; he was also county treasurer of the

same society, having held three treasurerships at the same time, and in 1893 was a delegate to the state convention of the A. O. H., which was held at Pittsburg, Pa.; he was a member of the Knights of Labor when that order flourished, and attended many of the conventions of that society at Sunbury, Shamokin, Lykens and other places; he was formerly a member of the Amalgamated Association, and while quite young was elected treasurer; he is a member of the Citizens' Hook and Ladder Company, and has been one almost since its organization. He is very active in the work which comes before the council and was elected president of the finance committee, president of the council, being the first Democrat to acquire that honor, and was chairman of the law and street committees.

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**HUGH D. McBRIDE.** Among the well-to-do and successful agriculturists of Columbia County is the subject of this sketch, residing on a fine farm in Hemlock township. His portrait is presented on a preceding page. He has been interested in the agricultural development of the county more or less all his life, and in the prosecution of his vocation he has met with far more than ordinary success. He was born on the old McBride homestead in Hemlock township January 30, 1828, and is a son of William and Mercy Carr (Barton) McBride.

Hugh McBride, the grandfather of our subject, was reared and educated in the northern part of Ireland and was of Scotch-Irish descent. With his wife and children he came to the United States and purchased from the Penn estate a tract of land consisting of 640 acres of wild and uncultivated land in Hemlock township, Columbia County, Pa. He cleared a part of his purchase and engaged in tilling

the soil; he was the first settler in that section of the county. His farm was located at the lower end of Frosty Valley and is now divided into three large farms, one of which is owned by the estate of the late P. A. Evans, another by Robert Crossley, and the third part is owned by our subject and is known as the old McBride homestead. Politically Hugh McBride was a firm Democrat. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was the father of eight children: Hugh, James, Nathan, Thomas, William, Jane, Susan, and Mary, all of whom are deceased.

William McBride, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Hemlock township and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He was also a pioneer of Columbia County and was a prominent member of his community. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. Politically he was a Jackson Democrat and served two terms, 1824 to 1828, in the State Legislature. Religiously he was an active and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. He chose for his companion Mercy Carr Barton, a daughter of Elisha Barton, a descendant of the old Barton family that early settled in this part of the state. As a result of this union four sons and five daughters were born, all of whom are deceased but our subject. They were as follows: Mary, who was the wife of William Emmet and resided in Ohio; Rachael, who was the wife of John Barkley; Sarah, who wedded William G. Quick; Susan; Elizabeth; James, who went to the Mexican War and was never heard from afterwards; Franklin, who was a farmer on the old homestead until his death; William; and Hugh D., the subject of this sketch.

Hugh D. McBride was reared on the old homestead and received his education in the public schools of Catawissa and also in the

high school of that town. While a young man he learned the trade of a plasterer, which he followed a few years, and then returned to the old homestead and engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist.

In politics our subject is a supporter of the Democratic party and has held several township offices. He is a member of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., and has been a Mason for thirty-one years. Mr. McBride was wedded to Alveretta Stecker, a daughter of Gideon Stecker, a farmer of Hemlock township. Two children have blessed the home of our subject and his wife: Charles Grover; and Anna.

JAMES A. McCARTHY, a prosperous merchant of Locust Gap, Northumberland County, Pa., is an active and influential worker in the field of politics, being a prominent member of the Democratic party in his section. He is a gentleman who has always labored for the best interests of the village and he is accorded the respect and good will of his many acquaintances in the county. He is a son of John and Margaret (Mohan) McCarthy, and was born in Locust Gap, Northumberland County, Pa., February 10, 1864.

Our subject's grandfather was Francis McCarthy, a native of County Longford, Ireland, who upon coming to this country located at Minersville, Schuylkill County, where he was among the earliest settlers. His vocation was that of a miner.

John McCarthy, the father of our subject, was born in Schuylkill County, in February, 1837, and there grew to manhood, but at the age of twenty-five or twenty-six years, he removed to Locust Gap. He was engaged in mining work, being employed in the capa-



city of an engineer, and was very successful in his life's work. He died in 1865. In his political affiliations he was a firm supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He was joined in Hymen's bonds with Margaret Mohan, who was born in Ireland, but came to America at about the age of six years, settling in California. She later moved east to Pittsburgh, Pa., thence to Schuylkill County, and finally to Northumberland County, where she was married. The couple became the proud parents of three children, namely: Frank, now deceased; James A., the subject of our sketch; and John, who is proprietor of the Locust Summit Hotel at Locust Gap.

James A. McCarthy was reared at Locust Gap and there attended the public schools until 1884, when he took a commercial course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Philadelphia. After the completion of his studies in that institution he returned to Locust Gap and accepted a position with William Harvey, the leading general merchant of the village. He faithfully discharged the duties of his position for five years, and having acquired an extensive knowledge of the business, he bought the store and has since conducted it in a highly successful manner. As a business man he is shrewd and enterprising, and, beginning as he did without means, it is greatly to his credit that he occupies his present position in the affairs of Locust Gap. He is a Democrat in his political attachments, and in him is found a staunch advocate of the cause of his party. He is active in county, state and national politics, and has frequently represented his district as a delegate to various conventions, in 1895 and 1896 being chairman of the Democratic county committee. In 1896 he attended the Democratic national convention held at Chicago, which nominated William

Jennings Bryan for president. At present he is efficiently serving as tax collector of Mount Carmel township, having been elected in 1897 for a term of three years. His name is frequently mentioned as a candidate for prothonotary of Northumberland County, and we are assured that if he consents to run for that office he will receive the undivided support not only of his party, but his many friends who favor the opposing party in principle.

December 31, 1885, Mr. McCarthy was united in marriage with Bridget Harvey, a daughter of William Harvey, the former proprietor of the mercantile house now conducted by our subject, and their children are as follows: Mary Jane, Margaret, Regina, and Elizabeth, deceased; Cora; and Mary.

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**H**ON. WILLIAM M. ROCKEFELLER, who for a period of twenty-one years was recognized as the leading attorney of the Northumberland County Bar, and who for another period of twenty years presided as the judge of the Eighth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, was born in Sunbury, Northumberland County, his present place of residence, August 18, 1830, and is a son of David and Catherine (Mettler) Rockefeller. His active career has been a meritorious one, and his important labors on bar and bench entitle him to the highest regard and esteem of his fellow-townsmen. Since he retired from the bench in 1891 he has been leading a more or less retired life, because of poor health, and has spent much of the time in the South; he has also indulged himself in considerable traveling, visiting the principal countries of Europe.

The family is of either Holland or German



stock. To begin with, the original ancestor of the Rockefellers in America, Peter Rockefeller, was born in the Old Country in 1710, and emigrated to America, settling in Armville, Hunterdon County, N. J., where he acquired a vast tract of land. His will bearing the date December 6, 1738, transfers 763 acres of land, situated in Armville township, to his son, who was also named Peter. Of the children of Peter Rockefeller, Jr., one, Godfrey Rockefeller, was a brother of the grandfather of John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, and the great-grandfather of our subject.

Godfrey Rockefeller moved to Northumberland County, Pa., in 1798 and took up his residence as a pioneer farmer near Snyder-town, in Rush township, where he owned a large farm, which he transformed into a cultivated state from a dense wilderness of forest, its condition when he settled upon it. Of his children William Rockefeller, the grandfather of the Judge, was born, reared, lived and died on the old homestead farm in Rush township, engaged wholly in agricultural pursuits. His life was not characterized by any especially stirring events, for he was content to enjoy home life, secure in the estimation and good will of his fellow-citizens. His wife bore him several children, and of these David Rockefeller, the father of the subject of this biographical review, was born on the homestead, September 6, 1802.

David Rockefeller grew to manhood on the homestead and obtained the customary rudiments of an education in the common schools of Rush township; he gave especial attention in his young manhood to the study of surveying, and practically made it his life occupation. He became one of the most efficient and expert land surveyors of Pennsylvania and had ample scope for his talents in that

line, for he was frequently called upon to survey disputed lines, locate original lines, corners, etc., and to give expert testimony in court in cases arising out of such disputes. He thus obtained wide reputation, for his work carried him into all sections of the Keystone State. He served as deputy sheriff a number of years in early life, was register and recorder by appointment in 1847-48, and served as deputy surveyor general of Northumberland County for a long term of years, being considered by his fellow-citizens almost a fixture in that office. He was one of the best known men in his part of the state, this distinction resting almost wholly upon his good work as a surveyor. In 1826 he located in Sunbury, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying in that town August 22, 1876. He married Catherine Mettler and they became the proud parents of five children, three of whom died in infancy, the two surviving children being: William M., the subject of these lines; and A. Jordan, an attorney-at-law, who died in 1862.

Judge Rockefeller acquired an excellent academic education in Sunbury Academy, and then read law with the late Hon. John B. Packer of Sunbury, and the late Judge Jordan, also of Sunbury, with whom he completed his professional training, being admitted to the bar of Northumberland County on August 6, 1850. He practiced law one year in Minersville, Schuylkill County, and then located in Sunbury, where he practiced continually until 1871, when he was elevated to the bench. Entering upon the practice of law with a complete preparation and having mental abilities and a natural bent of the kind considered most useful for a lawyer, Judge Rockefeller attained both prosperity and influence in his twenty-one years of varied practice and valuable experience.

Ever since the War of the Rebellion, our subject has been a staunch Republican, although he was a Democrat before the struggle that showed the folly of secession. He was elected to the position of president judge of the Eighth Judicial District of Pennsylvania on the Republican ticket and served two terms of ten years each, presiding until 1891, his excellent record as a judge being indorsed in 1881 by a re-election to the judgeship. He was succeeded in 1891 by the present incumbent, Judge Savidge, whose personal history we present on another page of this Book of Biographies. In 1855, a few years after locating in Sunbury for the practice of his profession, our subject was elected chief burgess of the borough. In 1853, in collaboration with Judge Jordan and M. L. Shindel, he revised and edited the second edition of the "American Pleader's Assistant," a guide for young lawyers in pleading and legal forms, that has found a placè in many libraries. During his twenty years on the bench Judge Rockefeller tried a great number of cases, among which were many prosecutions brought against the "Molly Maguires." He delivered the opinion of the court in the Lycoming judicial contest, which covered a long term of years, and a vast amount of complicated evidence. As a judge, our subject was clear, concise and decided, upholding well the dignity of the bench, and exhibiting legal learning that made all of the members of the bar entertain for him the profoundest respect. Few of his rulings ever admitted a questioning doubt, and very rarely have his decisions been reversed in a higher court. He was very popular in legal circles and was a man of no small political influence.

On August 11, 1857, occurred the ceremony that united Judge Rockefeller in marriage with Emily Jones, daughter of Thomas

and Maria (Housel) Jones of Lewisburg, Union County, Pa. They have three children, namely: Mary, the wife of J. Nelson Ewing, of Baltimore; Charles W.; and Flora, the wife of Ward Rice of Pueblo, Colo.

Charles W. Rockefeller, our subject's only son, is a leading attorney at Sunbury, and is also engaged in the insurance business, being a member of the firm of Derr & Rockefeller. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which the judge has been a trustee for nearly forty years and chairman of the board since 1876. He is a man of fine, gentlemanly instincts, true to all that is best in life, and a power for good in the community where almost his entire life has been spent.

MISS FRANCES E. HAWLEY is one of the most estimable women of Watsonstown, Delaware township, Northumberland County, Pa., and is a descendant of families of great prominence. She is the only surviving child of John Milton and Jane L. (Alder) Hawley.

John Milton Hawley, who is living in practical retirement on his farm near the village of Watsonstown, was born in Muncy, Lycoming County, Pa., June 26, 1825, and is a son of Enos and Mary (Sweeney) Hawley, and a grandson of Robert Hawley. Robert Hawley, who was born on the Brandywine River in Chester County, Pa., was of English ancestry. Being a strict adherent to the Quaker doctrines he did not participate in the Revolutionary War, but tradition tells us that Robert Hawley was warned to flee from his home and, shortly after, the battle of Brandywine was fought upon his premises. He learned the tanner's trade. In 1800 he settled in Lycoming, Pa., with a colony of Quakers at

Pennsdale, near Muncy, where he conducted a tannery. He subsequently operated a tannery in Hughesville, but at the time of his death resided at Muncy. He and his wife, Patience, both lived to an advanced age and lie buried in the Friend's Burying-ground at Pennsdale. They reared the following children: Robert; Gideon; Enos; Ann (Haynes); Hannah (Whitaker); and Mary (Yearsley).

Enos Hawley, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Chester County, Pa., and when young moved with his parents to Lycoming County, where he learned the trade of a tanner. He first located in Muncy but later went to Hughesville where he succeeded to his father's business and continued it until his retirement, when he removed to Muncy. He was appointed postmaster and served in that capacity for seventeen years. He was a good general business man and lived a long and useful life, dying at the age of eighty years; his wife died at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Mary Sweeney, a daughter of John Sweeney, a soldier of the Revolutionary War who lived to reach the age of ninety-nine years, and their union was blessed by the birth of four children: John Milton, the father of our subject; Robert, who married Sarah J. Cook; Lucretia, the wife of Russell Bodine; and Alfred, who married Rachel Willetts.

John Milton Hawley attended the common schools and received a good intellectual training, after which he took up the occupation which his father had followed for many years with good results, that of a tanner. In 1863 he was appointed clerk to the superintendent of the Catawissa Railroad and removed to Catawissa where he faithfully discharged the duties of that position until 1874. In that year he located at Watontown and purchased part of the Pardee estate near the

village, and there followed market gardening until 1893, since which time he has lived in retirement. He is a man of strong character and splendid habits, and is highly respected by all. He was joined in matrimonial bonds with Jane L. Alder, September 2, 1848, on the old Alder homestead known as "Rose Hill," at Muncy. Mrs. Hawley is a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Lewis) Alder, and comes from a distinguished family.

Joshua W. Alder was born in New Castle, Northumberland County, England, in October, 1788, and was a son of Caleb and Dorothy (Walker) Alder. The family is of French origin and was established in England by French refugees. Caleb Alder was born in New Castle, Northumberland County, England, it is thought, and with his wife and only child came to the United States, locating in New York City, in 1802. He was a man of wealth and lived the life of an English gentleman, doing no active work but investing his capital in real estate, owning at one time what is to-day known as Hoboken, N. J. There he died and there his son, Joshua W. Alder, grew to manhood, attending the public schools for some years. He later went to England to complete his education, and while in that country met and married Jane Lewis, a daughter of Lyson Lewis, returning to this country soon after. He settled in New York City and there studied chemistry and surveying, acquiring an extensive knowledge of both branches which was invaluable to him in his subsequent work. George Lewis, the uncle of Joshua W. Alder's wife, who was a large merchant and a very wealthy man of New York City, acquired several thousand acres of land in Sullivan County, Pa., and desiring to know its worth, engaged Mr. Alder, then a young and energetic man, to investigate his pur-



chase. This he accordingly did and while prospecting discovered a beautiful lake on a mountain top which he immediately named Lewis Lake, but it has since been renamed Eagle's Mere and is at the present day one of the most popular summer resorts in the state of Pennsylvania. There Joshua discovered a fine quality of white sand, and by means of his deep knowledge of chemistry, he readily saw that glass could be made from it. This afforded a valuable field of industry, as there was very little glass manufactured in the United States. He gathered a sample of the sand, returned to New York City, and there analyzed it, proving to his satisfaction that it was of the desired quality. George Lewis immediately made preparations to open this valuable industry and engaged Mr. Alder and Israel Lewis, his brother-in-law from England, to go to the lake and erect suitable buildings for the manufacture of glass. As there were no railroads, they, with a large force of men, made their way overland by means of wagons and horses, going by the way of Berwick, Danville, and Muncy, and finally up the valley to their destination. Then their work began in earnest, making roads through an almost impenetrable forest and hewing down trees for the erection of buildings. Finally all was accomplished and every thing ready for the manufacture of glass. In a short time they were turning out a very fine quality of clear window glass and nothing remained but to place it upon the market, but then the most serious obstacle of all presented itself. The only market to which the glass could be taken was Philadelphia, and that could only be reached by wagon over a rough and mountainous road. Many attempts were made to take glass to Philadelphia, but each time the glass was broken, and after a trial of six years the venture was abandoned.

They then attempted to raise sheep there and shipped many hundred out from New York City, and in this too they were unfortunate, for the sheep died in the winter months. It has been estimated that George Lewis sunk a half million dollars in these ventures, and there is now no trace of what promised to be one of the most prosperous industries in the state, the buildings having long since been torn down, and in their stead are to be found nothing but pleasure resorts. Joshua W. Alder and his wife moved to Lewis Lake in 1810, and after abandoning the glass enterprise, moved to Muncy, where he built a home which is now owned by William Ellis. In 1822 he built the handsome residence there which is now owned by Mrs. Fanny Musser and occupied by her and his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Foster. Mrs. Foster now owns the old piano which was manufactured in London by George Astor, and which her father moved about with him to his various homes, and she values it very highly as a family heirloom. Mrs. Alder died at the age of twenty-eight years, and Joshua subsequently returned to England where he married Elizabeth Lewis, a sister of his first wife, and a woman of many accomplishments. Mr. Alder died in 1837, at the age of forty-seven years, but his wife lived to the age of eighty-two years, before passing into the world of rest. Their union was blessed by the birth of six children: George; Lyson; William A.; Jane L.; Fanny; and Emma.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hawley became the parents of four children, namely: Elizabeth; Joshua W.; Frances E.; and Caroline L., all dead but our subject. Her parents are both enjoying excellent health, although now well along in years, and they enjoy the love and respect of all who know them.



**D**R. KIMBER C. McWILLIAMS, one of the leading physicians of Shamokin, Pa., was born at Elysburg, Northumberland County, Pa., October 7, 1857, and is a son of William and Catherine (Caldwell) McWilliams. His grandfather, David McWilliams, was born in Turbot township, Northumberland County, Pa. Soon after his marriage to Jane Craig he removed to a farm near Elysburg, being one of the earliest settlers in that community.

Dr. McWilliams began his education in the public schools and later took a finishing course at Elysburg Academy, afterward teaching school for a number of years. In the course of these events he chose a profession and began the study of medicine under Dr. S. F. Gilbert of Elysburg, after which he entered Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, graduating in 1884. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Mainville, Columbia County, where he remained, however, only two months, subsequently locating in Snyderstown, where he remained about two years. In 1886 he removed to Shamokin, and on October 11, 1887, was united in marriage to Elizabeth J. Chester of that place. Desiring to treat special diseases scientifically, he removed to Philadelphia in 1892, where he practiced his profession three years, at the same time taking special lectures on diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat at the Jefferson Hospital.

During the last year of his stay in Philadelphia he was chief assistant of a clinic at the Polytechnic Hospital and was superintendent of the Beacon Dispensary the entire three years of his stay in Philadelphia. Having completed his purpose in these three years of study and practical experience in the hospitals named above, he returned to Shamokin and began treating diseases of the eye, ear,

nose, and throat. His success in these special departments of medicine has been greater than anticipated. Aside from having a large practice among a desirable class of patrons our subject does much charity work and is amply repaid in the knowledge of his power to relieve suffering and by the expressions of gratitude from the recipients of his beneficence. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian and has been an elder in that church for a number of years.

William McWilliams, father of Dr. K. C. McWilliams, was born in Turbot township, where he lived through the period of his early years. He was educated in Milton Academy and learned the profession of a civil engineer, following it throughout his active life. He assisted in laying out the borough of Shamokin, and was employed in making the survey of the railroad from Shamokin to Sunbury, working under Kimber Cleaver. Many of the mines in the early development of the coal industry were surveyed by him and many of the maps were made from his measurements.

In politics he was always a Republican, but never aspired to office. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years, was greatly interested in the educational system of our country, and was very active in its cause, being one of the prime movers in the founding of Elysburg Academy. He was especially interested in the common schools of his township. He and his estimable wife were blessed with a family of five children, four sons and one daughter: Clifton C., who was engaged in teaching during his younger days and now resides on the old home farm near Elysburg,—he is an active Prohibitionist; Kimber C.; David A., a graduate of Dickinson Seminary, who studied law at Minneapolis, where he practiced several years,—he subsequently entered the McCormick Theo-





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logical Seminary at Chicago, became a minister and now holds a charge in that city; Cora R., for eight years a successful teacher in the Shamokin schools, who is now a student in the University of Chicago; and William Caldwell, who died in early childhood.

MOSES AUSTIN ROGERS, whose portrait the publishers present on the opposite page, is the oldest merchant in Sullivan County, Pa., having established himself in business in the town of Forksville in 1855, and it may be easily said that no other store in the county excels his. He is the senior member of the well known firm of M. A. Rogers & Son, which was formed in 1882, his son, William C., being junior member, and he is respected as one of the valued men of his community. He has been a life-long resident of Forksville. He was born March 22, 1833, and is a son of Moses and Jane (Sadler) Rogers, and grandson of Samuel Rogers.

The Rogers family is of English descent and our subject traces his ancestral history back to William Rogers, who was a grandson of John Rogers, the martyr, who was born in 1505. The next in line of descent was Joseph, born in 1732; then Samuel, born in Standah, England, May 1, 1760; the next was Samuel Rogers, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, who was born December 6, 1762, at Bramley, three miles west of Leeds in Yorkshire, England. He learned the trade of a weaver in his early days and followed it in his native country until the summer of 1801, when he and his family joined his oldest son, Samuel, who had come to America in 1800, and had located in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. He rented a small farm near that city, but,

wishing to make a larger settlement for his family, he went north and at the forks of Loyalsock Creek, in Sullivan County, Pa., he purchased of Dr. Joseph Priestley, a tract of land consisting of 124 acres, the price per acre being but \$2.50. He then returned to his family, sending his son, Jonathan, to his new home to erect a log cabin and prepare for their coming; there he cleared a part of his land and in addition to farming and working at his trade manufactured neatsfoot oil. His estate is now in the possession of his grandson, John W. Rogers. Samuel was married June 1, 1782, to Ann Gaunt, who was born in 1762, and they reared the following children: Samuel, born December 6, 1782, died February 14, 1857; Joseph, born August 1, 1784, died April 3, 1847; Jonathan, born October 7, 1785, died August 20, 1830; John, born February 11, 1787, died March 1, 1858; William, born March 17, 1788, died November 19, 1872; Hannah, born February 13, 1790, died October 13, 1848; Richard, born July 15, 1791, died November 15, 1875; David, born January 9, 1793, died February 10, 1840; Abram, born February 28, 1794, died March 6, 1794; Elizabeth, born April 9, 1795, died on the day of her birth; Martha, born May 8, 1796, died February 1, 1798; Benjamin, born September 28, 1797, died May 7, 1851; Reuben, born December 8, 1798, died July 24, 1850; Jacob, born January 31, 1800, died in June, 1801; George, born December 9, 1802, died October 24, 1804; Isaac, born July 26, 1804, died February 15, 1856; Moses, our subject's father; and Martha, born May 11, 1808, died February 18, 1879. Our subject's grandfather died January 29, 1828, and his grandmother died in 1823.

Moses Rogers was born on his father's homestead April 14, 1806, and worked with his father during his youth, assisting him in



farming and the lumber business. He also worked in the woolen factory which was erected in 1803 by his brothers, Jonathan and Samuel. It was the first factory of its kind in that section of the state. They bought their wool in Philadelphia, hauled it over the mountains by teams, and manufactured it into cloth, which was then taken back to Philadelphia where it was made into clothing for the soldiers of the War of 1812. In 1817 the factory was destroyed by a flood and was never rebuilt. Moses later took possession of the homestead upon which he built a fine house and out-buildings and increased the acreage of the farm to 400 acres. He died February 18, 1879. His wife was Jane Sadler, a daughter of Joseph Sadler, and she was born August 20, 1810, and died February 6, 1892. The following children resulted from this union: Zilphia, born August 2, 1829; Samuel S., born September 22, 1831; Moses A., our subject; Isaac, born August 19, 1834; William, born October 8, 1836, was killed at the battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864; Mary Jane, born February 8, 1838; and John W., born January 2, 1845. In politics Mr. Rogers was a Republican.

Moses Austin Rogers attended the common schools and then started in business as a clerk in the store of Alonzo Potter, who owned the first store in Forksville, and later was with W. J. Eldred, remaining with him for four years. In June, 1855, he erected a building and buying a complete line of general merchandise began business for himself; in 1874 he built on a new front to the store and to-day has one of the most complete general stores in Sullivan County; his store occupies two floors, both being stocked with all the articles which tend to make his stock of goods complete. He gives his customers the closest attention and by honesty and courtesy to his patrons

has built up a very large trade. In 1882 he took his son William C. into the business, and the firm has since been known as M. A. Rogers & Son. In 1866 our subject erected a handsome home in the town; he also owns considerable other property in the township. Mr. Rogers is one of the most enterprising and progressive business men in the town of Forksville, always interested in any movement which tends to advance and build up his adopted town.

Mr. Rogers was wedded to Abigail Potter, a daughter of George W. Potter, a retired machinist of Towanda, and this union resulted in the following offspring: William C.; Charles S.; Josephine married R. W. Stephens, by whom she has two children, Leon and Carlton; George Arthur; and Mary Eva, deceased.

William C. Rogers was born December 4, 1859, and was educated in the high school at Vineland, N. J., and at the Poughkeepsie Business College, graduating from the latter institution in 1882; upon returning home he entered the store of his father as a partner. He married Mary E. Wright, a daughter of John Wright, and to them one child has been born, Guy W., born March 31, 1884. He is a member of Evergreen Lodge, No. 163, F. & A. M.; No. 161, R. A. M., of Towanda; and No. 16, K. T., of Towanda. He served in the State Legislature in 1887-88 and has also served in the town council. He is vice-president and a director of the National Bank of Dushore.

Charles S. Rogers is a dentist of Towanda and married Mary Marsden, by whom he had three children: Stanley, Marsden, and Helen. George Arthur Rogers was born March 28, 1873, and is a graduate of the School of Electricity of Washington, D. C. In 1897 he bought out B. W. Fawcett of Forksville and

now conducts a jewelry store. He is a member of Lodge No. 522, I. O. O. F., and is also past grand of the same. On January 17, 1899, he was united in marriage with Mazie Shafer, a daughter of Jesse Shafer of Forksville.

Our subject is a strong Republican in politics, as are all his sons, and served as postmaster thirty-one years; he has also been school director and overseer of the poor. He was treasurer of the Home Insurance Company, but resigned in 1897, having held that office for eighteen years. In 1876 he was elected associate judge of Sullivan County and held the office for a period of five years. His associate on the bench was F. B. Pomeroy of Dushore, now deceased. In 1884 he was alternate delegate to the national convention in Chicago which nominated James G. Blaine. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Church and has served as trustee, steward and superintendent of the Sunday School. Socially he is a member of I. O. O. F.

**D**ERNEST DAVIS is classed among the solid and substantial business men of the town of Berwick, Pa., and is superintendent of the Berwick Electric Light Company. He was born at Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, Pa., July 16, 1869, and is a son of Thomas H. B. Davis, a well-known carpenter and contractor of Summer Hill, Briarcreek township, Pa.

For many years our subject had charge of the C. R. Woodin electric light plant on the Heights, where he proved himself to be an efficient electrician and attracted the attention of the officials of the Berwick Electric Light Company, who offered him the superintendency of their plant, which position he accepted, succeeding W. E. Boyce. This com-

pany was organized in 1892 and immediately built, on the site of the Freas Bros.' foundry, a brick plant, 45 by 50 feet, with a boiler and engine room 30 by 40 feet, and in addition an office and work-rooms. The plant has two engines, one of 100-horsepower, the other of 150-horsepower, two 1,200-light machines, a Westinghouse and a Warren dynamo, one 60-arc light and two 30-arc light machines. The town of Berwick is well illuminated by forty-five arc lights on the streets which are well distributed throughout the borough, and besides furnishing lights for many dwellings and nearly all the stores of the place, the company supplies the lights for the mammoth works of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company which are in the town.

Mr. Davis chose for his life companion Lola Miller, a daughter of John F. Miller, a prominent citizen of Wilkesbarre, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Davis reside in their handsome residence at No. 408 East Front street, which was formerly the property of the Berlins. Mr. Davis performs his work in such a manner as to win the confidence and esteem of his superior officers. As a citizen he stands high in the estimation of his fellow-men and is one of the most prosperous and highly-respected citizens of Columbia County.

**J**OHN H. KREITZER, wholesale and retail grocer, of Milton, Pa., is virtually a self-made man. He was born in Milton, Pa., October 24, 1858, attended the public schools of his native place, and when fourteen years of age became a driver on the tow-path. At the close of the season he found employment at William Price Hull's grain and coal office for two years, after which he attended school until 1877. In choosing a vocation he preferred mercantile pursuits for his active mind. Accordingly, he was a clerk for

Albert Cadwalder from April 1, 1877, until August 12, 1879, when he was appointed superintendent of James Buoy's grocery store on Mahanoy street, where he remained until January 11, 1881. At that time he purchased a half-interest in the business, and it was conducted under the firm name of Buoy & Kreitzer, and operated under that name until May, 1883. Mr. Kreitzer then purchased his partner's interest, and conducted the business alone.

Our subject's career has been one of progress. Starting out, a young man with no cash but a large amount of energy and upright principles, he has risen to the topmost round of the ladder and is now the largest wholesale and retail grocer in his section of the state. He now owns a fine brick block. Mr. Kreitzer has improved and enlarged this building and has built a three-story warehouse attached to it. The warehouse was built in 1891, and since its erection Mr. Kreitzer has dealt in groceries, provisions, crockery, wooden and willow ware, grain, hay and feed. Adjoining his grocery store he built a wholesale confectionery store. The confectionery business is operated under the firm name of The Kreitzer Wholesale Candy Company, and the firm is composed of the following members: J. H. Kreitzer, president and treasurer; M. C. Kreitzer, assistant treasurer; and M. E. Kreitzer, secretary, and they are wholesale dealers of confectionery, fruits and nuts. Mr. Kreitzer deals largely in country produce and ships to nearby markets, employing ten men to assist him. He is the owner of a fine stable and keeps six fine horses for general use. John H. Kreitzer is a son of Washington and Catherine (Lore) Kreitzer and a grandson of Balsar and Mary (Zimmerman) Kreitzer.

Balsar Kreitzer was born in Myerstown and

was a direct descendant of Peter Kreitzer, who came from Germany and settled in Tulpshocken, Berks County, Pa., in 1762. About 1826-27 Balsar Kreitzer went to Milton, Pa., and was largely interested for many years as contractor for lumber jobs, cleared off most of the heavy timber around Milton, and rafted most of it to market. His principal business was lumbering. He purchased the old Lutheran Church on Mahanoy street and remodeled it into a dwelling, which is now the residence of Samuel Fletcher. Mr. Kreitzer was a Whig and later a Republican. He held minor offices in the township and was a member of the Lutheran Church. He died in 1878 at the age of seventy-eight; his good wife survived him until 1884, when she, too, laid down the burden of life, at the advanced age of eighty-two. Their children were as follows: Washington, our subject's father; John; Sarah; Jacob; Reuben; William; Adam; and Moses, who died in early childhood.

Washington Kreitzer, father of our subject, was born at Milton, Pa. At the age of ten years he drove a canal team and considered himself a man. He was very energetic and quite handy with horses. Later he drove a packet team and in winter a stage coach, also carrying the mail up and down the river for many years. Thus in various ways he accumulated in the course of a few years money enough to try a business venture for himself. He associated himself with Conrad Cares, under the firm name of Kreitzer & Cares, and engaged in the butchering business in Milton. Later he was associated with Charles Hoyer in the same business. After a short time he sold out his interest and served as assistant for William P. Hall, dealer in coal and grain. He subsequently carried on the dairy business. He served two terms as street commis-



sioner. During his last years he assisted his son, the subject of this sketch, in the grocery business. He possessed a strong constitution and was a hard worker; previous to the illness which caused his death he had often remarked that he had not paid twenty-five dollars for medicine during his lifetime. On June 17, 1898, in his seventieth year, he died with dropsy. Catherine Lore, daughter of J. Lore of Iola, Pa., became his wife and survives her husband. She resides in Milton, aged sixty-six years. The following are their children: Mary Catherine, who married John Byres, of South Milton; John H., our subject; Elizabeth, who became the wife of William Cowles, of Muncy, Pa.; Abraham, who died young; Addie, who married Augustus Berger, of Watsonstown; William Washington, now deceased.

February 11, 1886, our subject was united in marriage with Mary Catherine Ettla, a daughter of Capt. George H. and Amanda C. Ettla. One daughter now blesses the home of our subject, Mary Elizabeth. Both he and his family are of the Presbyterian faith.

Mr. Kreitzer, besides being an active man in business circles, has done much to advance the interests of Milton. From 1893 to 1896 he served as chief burgess of Milton; for three years as councilman of the borough; for three years as auditor; as judge of election for two terms, and in other minor offices. He is a director of the Milton board of trade, and is financially associated with the Milton Knitting Company and the Milton Driving Park & Fair Association. He is also a stockholder in the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and has served as secretary and treasurer of the Baptist Church and Sunday School for nine years.

**A**NDREW ROBERTSON. The active experience as a coal operator of the gentleman whose name heads this review covers a period of over half a century in the anthracite coal fields of Northumberland and Schuylkill counties, he having been in the business longer than any man now living in either county who is in the business at the present time.

Our subject was born April 23, 1826, near a place called Johnson, in Scotland, and his parents were George and Agnes (Aiken) Robertson. In 1831 or 1832 his father, desiring a wider field for the cultivation of his talents and the exercise of his energies, emigrated with his family to Nova Scotia, British America. He removed to that country as a superintendent of mines for a foreign corporation operating what were known as the Sidney Morris Mines. He remained there until about 1836 when he came to Pennsylvania, locating near Pottsville where he embarked in coal operating, continuing in that business the remainder of his active life, dying in 1849 at the age of forty-six years.

Andrew Robertson had but limited advantages for securing an education so far as the schools were concerned, as his school-boy days were included in that period just prior to and following the adoption of the present common school system. Most of his education has been obtained in the great university of practical business operations. His initial experience in coal mining was secured when, as a boy, he was engaged about the mines of his father as a picker of slate and in other jobs such as fell to boys about a mine. His father died when he was young and Andrew learned the trade of a blacksmith which he followed in the vicinity of his birthplace about three years. He carefully husbanded his earnings and at the end of that time he



had accumulated sufficient money to go into the coal-producing business on his own account on a very small scale. This he did at New Philadelphia, about six miles east of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., where he remained about three years and then went to St. Clair, and entering into partnership with William Littlehales, took charge of an old colliery, repaired it, and operated it for a short time, when he sold out and returned to New Philadelphia where the firm started a new enterprise known as the New Philadelphia Shaft, operating it about two years when it was sold. About this time, or in 1853, the gold fields of California seemed to offer unusual advantages to the ambitious and enterprising, and, yielding to the strong impulse, Mr. Robertson resolved to try his fortunes on the Pacific coast. There for two years his fortunes were cast among the miners, part of the time as a searcher after the precious metal and part of the period as a blacksmith, a trade which at that time and under the circumstances stood him in very good stead. After this experience on the Western Slope he returned to Schuylkill County and for one and a half years was employed as superintendent of the coal operations of Rhoades & Shoullenger of New Philadelphia. He then formed a business partnership with Thomas Beddall and opened a colliery about one mile from New Philadelphia known as the Lick Run Colliery. They successfully operated this enterprise for a period of about two years when misfortune overtook them and the colliery was burned. Their next operations were at the Eagle Hill Colliery with which they were connected from 1861 to 1865 when they sold out to eastern capitalists.

In 1866 Mr. Robertson removed to Shamokin, Northumberland County, and first became identified with the eastern

anthracite coal fields. He formed a partnership with Henry Guiterman and Thomas Gorman and built the Greenback Colliery, which they operated until 1869, when Mr. Robertson sold his interest to his partners. In the meantime the same firm had leased the Henry Clay Colliery and Mr. Beddall and Mr. Robertson opened a colliery at Helfenstein in the Mahanoy Valley. The latter enterprise, however, did not prove a paying one and was abandoned. About the time he was operating the Henry Clay Colliery our subject formed a copartnership with Alexander Fulton and entered into a contract to mine and deliver coal for the McIntyre Coal Company of Elmira, N. Y., operating in Lycoming County, Pa., near Ralston, about twenty-seven miles north of Williamsport. This contract covered a period of four years, at the end of which time he returned to Shamokin and has since made that town his headquarters for his extensive coal operations. He formed a partnership with C. W. Kingsley of Cambridge, Mass., and purchased a half interest in the Excelsior Coal Company in 1880 and it has continued in active operation ever since. In 1886 the same company opened the Corbin Colliery and has operated it in connection with the Excelsior Colliery. These enterprises are of considerable magnitude giving employment to a force of about six hundred and fifty men. Having two outlets the firm always has given steady employment and been noted for the generous treatment of its men.

Mr. Robertson's operations have not been confined to the anthracite region, but since 1890 he has been largely interested in developing the bituminous districts of Virginia and West Virginia. In the above year the Shamokin Coal & Coke Company, consisting of himself and other capitalists, was organized

and the company is extensively engaged in the mining and shipping of coal and the manufacture of coke at Mayberry, West Virginia. The mines are in the celebrated Pocahontas field. Of this company our subject's son, George W., is vice-president, and his son, Andrew D., a director.

In connection with his two sons, Andrew D. and George W., Mr. Robertson bought a large interest in the same region in the Turkey Gap Coal & Coke Company, one of the most extensive and best-equipped plants in that section of the state. He also is interested in the Bottom Creek Coal & Coke Company, being active as a director in both companies. He also is a stockholder in the Clinch Valley Coal & Coke Company of Virginia. Mr. Robertson is one of the several capitalists who built and equipped the first electric light plant in the United States outside of New York City, in which city the Edison Electric Company had equipped a plant. The plant referred to is that built in Shamokin, and was the first in this country, outside the metropolis of New York State, to be used for illuminating a residence, a church or an opera house. This fact certainly speaks highly for the public spirit and enterprise of the gentlemen at the head of the Shamokin corporation. Of this company, the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Shamokin, Mr. Robertson has been an active director since its organization. He also is a director of the Shamokin Gas Light Company and of the Shamokin Powder Company.

Testimony of the highest sort to the experience and the thoroughness of Mr. Robertson in mining is the fact that he was some time ago appointed and now serves as a member of the state board of examiners whose duty it is to examine for fitness and experience all applicants for appointment as mine-

boss in the anthracite field. To this work of great importance Mr. Robertson gives much attention and to his wise oversight is considerably due the fact that mine-bosses are men of experience and caution, resulting in manifold benefits both to the mine-owners and the mine-workers.

Religiously Mr. Robertson is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Pottsville, Pa., where he resides, although he is considered, practically, a resident of Shamokin, with whose commercial interests he is so closely identified. Fraternally our subject is a member of Pulaski Lodge No. 216, F. & A. M., Mt. City Chapter, R. A. M., and Constantine Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Robertson has been three times married. His first marriage was with Phoebe Barlow and was blessed by the birth of four children, William, Phoebe and Nathan, all deceased, and Andrew D., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Robertson married as his second wife Malinda Barlow, sister of his first wife, and to their union were born: George W., who is interested in business with his father; Phoebe, wife of F. G. Clemens of Pottsville, Pa.; and Ida, deceased, and a fourth child who died in infancy. Mr. Robertson was united in marriage for the third time to Mrs. Rose Barlow, nee Randall.

To few men has been accorded the privilege of such a long and successful business career as that of Andrew Robertson. His life record, contemporaneous almost with the history of the anthracite coal industry, is indeed an inspiration to every young man who would succeed in life. It is a lesson of industry, honesty, perseverance and pluck, and clearly demonstrates the possibilities of our American youth when backed by these qualities of head and heart. His is a mind in which

the power of construction and generalization are highly developed, while he possesses that executive and organizing ability which is so essential in carrying out enterprises vast in conception and far reaching in their influence. Successful and honorable has been his career, and as Mr. Robertson looks back upon its conquests it is with that happy consciousness of having faithfully performed every duty entrusted to his care in such manner as to win the confidence and respect of all who have had business or social relations with him.

Being possessed of quite a fortune Mr. Robertson is enabled to exercise his charitable propensities with lavish hand, but in this commendable inclination, as in all other matters, his unostentatious spirit prevails and is a distinguishing characteristic of his many good deeds of which the general public knows little. In this he follows literally the Biblical injunction: "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth." So unassuming is the man, and so plain and unaffected is his manner, that it was impossible to obtain from himself information concerning his charitable and kindly deeds, but the facts were made known by those who have been intimate for years with Mr. Robertson in business and in social relations.

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**T**HOMAS J. EDWARDS, inside-foreman of the Pennsylvania Colliery, is one of the most enterprising men in Strong, Mount Carmel township, Northumberland County, Pa., and has always been one of that town's most active workers. He is a man of upright principles and excellent character and has a host of friends in the county. He is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (John) Edwards, and was born September 18, 1840, in Glamorganshire, Wales.

Our subject's mother died when he was a child, and his father immigrated to America in 1854 and located at Pottsville, Pa., where he followed the trade of a tailor, but it was only a short time until he moved to Summit Hill, Carbon County, Pa., and there remained the rest of his life, dying in 1860.

Thomas J. Edwards, the subject of this biography, came to America at the age of fifteen years, and in October, 1855, located with his father in Pottsville, Pa. Previous to his coming to this country he had worked in the mines for six years, and after his father's removal to Summit Hill he began work in December as a driver of mules, and then worked as a laborer, and later as a miner. It was in this way he obtained the positions of foreman and finally that of inside-foreman in Luzerne County, and he has remained in that position ever since. His first position as foreman was under the employ of Judge Leisering of Mauch Chunk; next, for the Buck Mountain Coal Company, and in July, 1894, he entered the employ of the Union Coal Company at Hickory Ridge, and remained there until 1898, when he went to the Pennsylvania Colliery. He has always given entire satisfaction to all of his employers and has steadily advanced in the business.

Mr. Edwards has always been a staunch Republican, taking an active interest in political affairs. He is one of the most active members of the Baptist Church and is one of the trustees of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Welsh Association. He is also a member of the Welsh Baptist Church in Mahanoy City, there being no organization of the kind in his home. Mr. Edwards enlisted in the Civil War August 15, 1861, in Company A, 4th Reg., Pa. Cavalry, and also served as private for three years in the Army of the Potomac. He is a member of several fraternal organi-







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zations, including Lodge No. 357, F. and A. M.; Mapeth Chapter, R. A. M.; Lodge No. 617, I. O. O. F.; Knights of the Golden Eagle; and Royal Arcanum, all of Mahanoy City. He is a member of and the present chaplain of Lincoln Post No. 140, G. A. R., of Shamokin, Pa.

In May, 1860, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with Margaret Richards, and they are the parents of several children, namely: Richard, who was killed in a coal breaker; Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas H. Kooms of Mahanoy City; Jane, the wife of John H. Bernard of MacAdoo, Pa.; Polly, the wife of Harry Mengel of Mahanoy City; Richard, motorman between Mahanoy City and Shennandoah; Thomas J., who was killed by accident; John, who is clerking at Hickory Ridge, married Hannah Frank, and he and his wife live with the subject of this sketch; Oliver P., at home; Maggie, and James A. Garfield, both living at home.

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**S**AMUEL HALSEY DEAN, one of the educators in Northumberland County in recent years, is superintendent of schools at Mount Carmel.

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**F**LYMAN P. HALL, the popular station-agent and operator at the village of Sonestown, on the Eagles Mere Division of the W. & N. B. R. R., in which capacity he has served since 1890, and a much respected citizen of that village, is a representative of one of the prominent and industrious families which has long been connected with the growth and development of Sullivan County. Our subject was born at Fairfield Center, Lycoming County, Pa., May 14,

1853, and is a son of Richard and Hannah (Johnson) Hall.

Richard Hall, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of England and immigrated to the American Colonies prior to the Revolutionary War; little is known of him, but he located in the state of New Jersey and carried on farming, and Richard Hall, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that state.

Our subject's grandfather located in Lycoming County at an early date and purchased from the government a large tract of land which extended from Montoursville to Hall's. He sold many farms from his purchase and made a settlement at Hall's, which was named in honor of him. His farm is now known as the Stover farm. His vocation was always that of an agriculturist and he was very successful, being the possessor of a handsome fortune at his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-five years. He was buried in Montoursville Cemetery. He was the father of ten children, six of whom were named as follows: James; Louis, who was killed at the battle of Lundy's Lane in the War of 1812; Jonathan; Samuel; Hannah (Rogers); and Richard, Jr.

Richard Hall, the father of our subject, was born and reared on his father's farm in the village of Hall's and although he was reared to agricultural pursuits early in life he engaged in the lumbering industry, which he followed for a number of years. Later he purchased a farm in Shrewsbury township, Lycoming County, and there carried on general farming until death claimed him at the age of seventy years. His farm is now owned and operated by his son, William C. Hall. Mr. Hall was joined in matrimonial bonds with Hannah Johnson, a daughter of Robert Johnson, who immigrated to this country from

County Cork, Ireland. Our subject's mother was born in 1818 and died in 1883. The following children were born to this union: Egbert, a retired merchant of Muncy, Pa.; Francis, who lives at Montoursville, Pa.; John, who resides at Glen Mawr, Pa.; Pierson, deceased; Hyman P., the subject of this sketch; William C., who is farming on the homestead; Sylvester, a resident of Shrewsbury, Lycoming County, Pa.; and Nancy, deceased.

Hyman P. Hall received a good education, passed the necessary examination for a school-teacher, and taught one term in Penn township, Lycoming County, Pa. He then turned his attention toward masonry and later followed contracting. Entering the employ of the W. & N. B. R. R. he was made station-agent at Chamouni, Pa., from which place he was later transferred to Nordmont, and in 1890 assumed the duties of his present position, which he has filled to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers and to the traveling public. Mr. Hall purchased the Lion Lumber Company property, upon which site was a handsome residence.

Mr. Hall chose for his life-companion Mary E. Boatman, a daughter of Claudius Boatman of Shrewsbury, Lycoming County, Pa., and they are the happy parents of the following children, as follows: Leslie, who married H. D. Lockwood of Sonestown and they have one child, Abbie; Damon, a woodworker in Sonestown; Ada, residing at home; Orville, also a woodworker by trade; and Mildred, Ward, Lettie, Paul La Rue, and Iva, who reside at home. Fraternally our subject is a member and has passed through all the chairs of the P. O. S. of A. Politically he is a Democrat and served as postmaster of the village during 1896-97. Mr. Hall's portrait is shown on another page of this work.

JACOB L. SNYDER, a large landowner and one of the representative men of Elkland township, Sullivan County, resides on his farm most of the time, but also is practically a citizen of Forksville. He is a son of Adam L. and Louisa (Eichenlaub) Snyder, and was born in New Bavaria, on the Rhine River, Germany, November 27, 1834.

Adam L. Snyder, the father of our subject, was born in Germany and there learned the trade of a button and loop-maker, which he followed until 1836, when he came to America, landing in Baltimore, Md. He again took up his trade in Harrisburg, Pa., with that of tailoring, and continued at those occupations until after his removal to Pottsville, Pa. He next moved to Sullivan County, where he purchased a tract of timberland off the Ward tract in Cherry township, on which he resided ten years. He then moved to Dushore, in 1849, and erected the second house built in that town, which is now owned by James Farrell. He remained in that section until 1852, when he purchased the Eldred farm in Elkland township, one of the earliest settled farms in that locality, but in a short space of years he returned to Dushore and engaged in the grocery business. Later he purchased a small farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits until he removed to Campbellville, where he purchased a water privilege and built a grist-mill, which is now the property of Norton & Hotteinstein. He also built a house and barn and lived there until he removed to New Albany, Pa., where he bought a farm and followed farming until 1871, when he retired from active labors and moved to California, where he finally died. He was united in marriage with Louisa Eichenlaub, and the following children blessed their home: Henry, deceased; Jacob L., the subject of this personal history; John, a fruit-grower of California;

Nicholas, a farmer of Canton; Louise, the wife of Benjamin Faustner of Salem, Ore.; Mary (McGeorge), of California; Adam, a farmer of Salem, Ore.; Christian, a farmer of Elkland township, Sullivan County; Caroline, deceased, who was the wife of Frederick Wigen; and Angeline, the wife of John Knight, who resides in Salem, Ore. Politically Mr. Snyder was a strong Democrat, but never held nor sought office. Religiously he was reared under German Catholic influences in his native country, but upon coming to America he joined the Albrights.

Jacob L. Snyder attended the public school and, being bright and industrious by nature, he obtained a good education. His father's success as an agriculturist aided him in choosing his occupation, and he followed farming after leaving school. He acquired part of the Eldred farm, some fifty acres, on which a Mr. Houck now resides, and on this he continued to live for some years, building a new house and making many other substantial improvements. He then went to Montoursville, where he purchased a canal boat and followed boating for one year, after which he again took up his former occupation. In 1867 he moved to Forksville, purchased the Forksville Hotel, which was being built at the time, and after completing it conducted it with the highest success for a period of twenty-one years, with the exception of two years, which he spent in the West. It was in the spring of 1870 that John Huckell came East as agent for the Cawker, Huckell, Kaskinka & Rice Colony in Kansas. He described in glowing terms the inducements and benefits of the Western country, and during the summer succeeded in getting sixty of the citizens of Sullivan and Bradford counties interested in the project. Each member, upon the payment of \$75, became a member of the colony, \$15 of which sum was

to go to the government. These men selected the land and upon the arrival of the colonists each was told where his tract was located. During the summer of that year all plans were laid, and in October, 1870, our subject and the other members bade good-bye to the East and started for the then far West. At the end of a week's travel they reached Solomon City, Kan., and at that point Mr. Snyder, together with John Huckell, William Brown, Francis Warren, Cheat Craven, William Warren, Rudolph Kaskinka, and William Huckell, engaged a team and together they travelled up the Solomon River Valley to the forks of the Solomon River, where the town of Cawker City was located. The journey covered 100 miles, taking three days to traverse the distance. The second night after leaving Solomon City a very amusing incident occurred which is of interest. As the party was traveling along wondering where they would spend the night, they discerned a light on the prairie, and with prospects of a good meal ahead and a warm place to sleep, they made for the light. Upon reaching it they were somewhat surprised to find that it was a mere hut constructed of sod, 11 by 13 feet in size, and occupied by a man, his wife and three children. Advancing to the door our subject inquired if he and his party could be put up for the night. The proprietor, who was an Eastern man, replied that he would give them the best possible accommodations. So the team was outspanned and after partaking of a comfortable supper the balance of the evening was spent in telling the various experiences through which they had passed, and at an early hour they prepared to retire. Taking their blankets they made themselves as comfortable as possible on the floor, and there spent the night. During their journey it was not an uncommon sight to see many newly-



made graves, the result of the Indian outrages that had taken place the June before. In the third night the party reached the end of their 1,424-mile journey and were greatly surprised to find that Cawker City consisted of two houses or shanties, one being used for a hotel and the other occupied by Mr. Snyder's brother-in-law, Francis Best, who had arrived there about a month previously with his wife and nine children. It may be well to mention here that the party of ten of which our subject was a member left their families in the East. The day after their arrival the party proceeded to look up their land. All readers of history and those in touch with current events are presumably familiar with the ins and outs of what was called the Homestead Grant. Mr. Snyder received his grant of 160 acres, which had been selected by the above-mentioned company, but at the end of four days his idea of Western life underwent a decided change and remarking to the others that he would not bring his family to such a wilderness, he picked up his few belongings and with Francis Warren returned to Solomon City, and from there back to Forksville. In the spring of 1871 he purchased a hotel in Solomon City, Kan., for \$4,000, and together with his family moved to his new purchase, where he conducted a hotel for about one and one-half years. At the expiration of that time, owing to ill health, he disposed of his property, but in the end lost his entire investment. He returned to Forksville, and in the spring of 1873 became proprietor of the Forksville Hotel, establishing a great reputation for himself and the establishment throughout that section of the county. Disposing of this finally, he built the store now conducted by A. L. Smith, which he still owns, and also three tenement houses. In 1893 he built the Snyder Hotel which he conducted

for five years. He purchased the Daniel Little farm, located in Elkland township, consisting of 190 acres, on which he erected a new house and barn, and there he has since resided with the exception of the time which he spends in Forksville. He is also owner of numerous landed interests throughout that section. Always industrious and energetic, he has won his way to the front ranks of the business men.

On January 1, 1857, Mr. Snyder married Sarah Ann Huckell, who was born in Elkland township, October 22, 1830, and was a daughter of William Huckell. They had two children: William H., who was born August 24, 1858, and died January 18, 1864; and George W., a commercial man of Forksville and owner of the old Ridgeway Farm in Elkland township, who was born September 7, 1860. He married Mary Fleming and has two children: Marion and Lou. Mrs. Snyder died November 26, 1861, and our subject formed a second alliance with Sarah Ann Huckell, who was born August 24, 1831, and they had one son: Charles L., born September 16, 1863, died September 18, 1863. Politically our subject is a Democrat and has served as a member of the borough council of Forksville, as supervisor and school director.

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JACOB SMITH, a veteran of the Civil War and outside-foreman in the Sterling Colliery near Shamokin, was born January 3, 1839, in Limestone township, Montour County, Pa., and is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Miller) Smith.

Grandfather Smith, a native of Reading, Berks County, Pa., removed to Columbia County, thence to Montour County, and later back to Columbia County, where his death occurred.

Frederick Smith, our subject's father, is still living in Limestone township, Montour County. He was born January 3, 1809, near Reading, Pa. He married Catherine Miller and became the father of five children, three boys and two girls: Peter, who lives near Jerseytown, Pa.; Jacob, our subject; Matilda, who married John Strickland; Mary, unmarried; and William, who is also single.

Jacob Smith was educated in the public schools, attending for a limited time, and then learned the harnessmaker's trade, working at it for three years prior to the war and four years after. He then became an employee of the Bear Valley Colliery and began work at the lowest round of the ladder in the coal region, where he was allowed to remain only four or five months when he was promoted to the position of outside-foreman. In that colliery he was retained by Heim & Goodwill until it was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and then our subject went to the Burnside Colliery, where he remained three years. He next moved to Delaware and engaged in farming for five years, at the expiration of that period returning to Shamokin and assuming the position of outside-foreman at the Sterling Colliery, where he has remained ever since. Mr. Smith married Emma Kester, and to them have been born seven children: Jennie; George; Andrew; Edith B.; Warren; and Clara and Emma, who both died at an early age.

When the necessity for volunteers became pressing in the Civil War Mr. Smith enlisted in Company E, 131st Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., on August 6, 1862, for nine months, but served almost ten months. He participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and Antietam. He was wounded in the terrible battle of Fredericksburg. The total Un-

ion loss that day, killed and wounded, was 12,321, and the Confederate loss, killed and wounded, 5,309. To-day a National Cemetery is on the ground where the battle was bloodiest and about 15,000 brave soldiers are buried there.

Our subject is a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R.; James A. Garfield Lodge, No. 1061, I. O. O. F., and the Encampment in connection with same.



ELLIS EVES, a member of the firm of Ellis Eves & Bro., manufacturers and dealers in lumber and shingles and all kinds of mill work, of Millville, is one of the substantial business men of Greenwood township, and is a scion of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Columbia County. He is a son of Charles and Sarah (Kester) Eves, and was born in Greenwood township, Columbia County, Pa., January 16, 1834.

Our subject's great-grandfather was John Eves, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and was born in Ireland in 1720. After growing to maturity John engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods near Dublin, Ireland, at which he continued until he sought a home in America, first locating in Delaware and later in Bucks County, Pa. He resided in Bucks County for some time. In 1769 he purchased a tract of land consisting of 1,200 acres located at the forks of Fishing Creek, in Columbia County, and including the site of the village of Millville. Having never seen the land, in the following year he went to examine his new acquisition, first going to Milton, Northumberland County, where he made inquiry for Fishing Creek. None had ever heard of the place, but an Indian who heard

him ask the question quickly volunteered the information and with another of his race offered to act as his guide. The three started for what was to be Mr. Eves' future home and finally arrived at Fairview, a high hill overlooking the valley in which his property lay. The Indian, pointing to the land below, informed him that it was the desired spot, but utterly refused to descend with Mr. Eves, who went alone and made a thorough examination of the soil, which proved entirely satisfactory. He spent some time below and upon returning to the top of the hill found the Indians in a high state of impatience over his long delay. Upon returning, the Indians suggested that one go ahead and the other follow Mr. Eves, but the latter, fearful of Indian treachery, compelled both to precede him, and they continued their journey. He returned to his home and prepared to move to his new tract of land with his family. In the spring of 1771 he went to Fishing Creek with some of his sons and they effected a clearing and erected some buildings, after which he again went to Bucks County, and in the spring of 1772 started with his family for their new home. By means of a wagon drawn by four horses, in which was packed only such goods and furniture as were absolutely necessary, they made their way overland with much difficulty. They arrived safely within a few miles of their destination, when night overtook them, rendering it impossible to find the roads. The mother, with her young children, rode the horses to a cabin which was located at a spring, one-fourth of a mile northwest of the present village of Millville, on the estate now owned by David and William Masters. There they located and entered upon the duties of pioneer life, having for neighbors only the beasts of the forest, and the Indians, with whom they were very friend-

ly and who always respected Mr. Eves. No white inhabitants resided nearer than fifteen miles, which was also the distance to the nearest grist-mill, which was located at Catawissa. There the great-grandfather of our subject remained at peace with the world and engaged in the laborious task of clearing up his farm. He and his family had no trouble with the Indians, excepting when his son Thomas was shot by an Indian spy, having been mistaken for another man. The Indians were often guests at his home, and one particularly, who frequently stopped with him when making long trips through the country, promised to warn him if there ever was an uprising among the tribes so that he might seek safety in flight. True to his promise, on the night of the Wyoming massacre, the friendly red man walked forty miles to warn his white friends of their danger, giving his warning in the expressive language, "Go quick, bad man among the Indians!" By noon of the following day the family were on their journey, reaching Washingtonville, Montour County, that night. There they stopped long enough for the worthy and kind-hearted wife to care for a woman who had been severely wounded by a shot from an Indian's gun. They then returned to Bucks County, where they remained until 1785, when the rebellious spirit of the red men had been quelled. Then, deeming it safe to return to their home in Columbia County, they again set out, taking cattle and hogs with them. One pig was caught by a bear and frightened the others and they broke loose and, with the instinct true to animals, returned to their former home. Mr. Eves found his home and out-buildings burned and immediately set about to rebuild them. He also built and operated a saw-mill, and in 1790 built the first grist-mill in that section of the county. He was a



member of the Society of Friends and was the first of that sturdy old Quaker body to locate in that neighborhood, and to him and his descendants is due much of the credit for the present standing of Greenwood township, with its fine farming land. He was united in marriage to Edith Yelman, and their union resulted in the following offspring: Sarah; Thomas; John; Joseph; Martha; William; Chandler; Eliza; Sarah; Edith; Andrew; Mary; Priscilla; Mark; Anna; Samuel; and Elizabeth. Mr. Eves was called to his eternal rest in 1802, after a long and useful life, and his worthy wife survived him sixteen years, dying in 1818.

Chandler Eves, the grandfather of our subject, probably was born in Bucks County in 1762, and moved to Greenwood township, Columbia County, with his parents. He was extensively engaged in farming on a portion of the old homestead, where he built and for a number of years operated what is now the Shultz grist-mill, located near Rohrsburg, Greenwood township. Later he built a woolen mill, the first in that section of the state, located about one-half mile from Millville, which is now known as the Millville Worsted & Woolen Mill, and he successfully operated it for several years. Where John Eves's wagon factory now stands he also erected a saw-mill and clover-mill, which he conducted until his death, in 1836. He was a man of excellent judgment and good business qualities and was one of the most prosperous men in Greenwood township. He married Rachel Kester, and reared a family of four sons and two daughters, namely: Annie; John K.; George F.; Benjamin; Charles; and Rachel.

Charles Eves, the father of our subject, was born on his father's homestead and early in life turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Later he operated the saw-mill which

was built by his father, and was extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, wagons and wagon-material until his death, which occurred in 1854, at the age of forty-five years. He formed a marital union with Sarah Kester, a daughter of Aaron Kester, late a farmer of Mount Pleasant township, and they became the happy parents of five sons and one daughter, whose names are here recorded: Ellis, in whom the interest of this sketch centers; Rachel, the wife of Edwin John of Millville; Chandler, who follows the occupation of a farmer and is an insurance agent of Greenwood township; John, an extensive wagon manufacturer and lumberman of Millville; William Webster, who is in partnership with our subject; and James Barton, who is a dealer in hardware and agricultural implements.

Ellis Eves obtained a good education in the public schools and in the Greenwood Seminary of Millville, and was reared upon the farm. In 1856 he succeeded his father as owner of the wagon manufacturing establishment and later sold an interest to his brother, John, and subsequently two of his other brothers, William Webster and James Barton, became members of the firm. They also embarked in the mercantile and lumber trade and conducted the business successfully for several years, when John withdrew to take entire charge of the wagon factory, and James Barton became a dealer in farming implements. Since 1870 the firm name has been Ellis Eves & Bro., and they have a large patronage in the mercantile business and also deal extensively in lumbering and planing-mill work. They have always resided in the vicinity of Millville and have sustained the reputation for strict integrity and honesty, established by their ancestors. Our subject always has been interested in the advancement of the interests of the village and has been closely connected



with many leading enterprises. He is a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Watson town; a director of the Bloomsburg Water Company; is a life member of the Columbia County Agricultural Society, of which he has been president for several years; has been secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Millville since its organization; is a member of the board of trustees of the Greenwood Seminary Company, having served as such trustee continuously for over thirty years, having always been active in his endeavors to sustain and promote the best interests of that institution.

In 1860 our subject was united in marriage to Mary Margaret Masters, a daughter of the late George Masters of Millville, by whom he has four children: Charles Millard, who clerks for his father; Lois Melvina, deceased, who was the wife of H. J. Demott; Paschal Lewis, also a clerk for the firm of which our subject is a member; and Georgianna, wife of Samuel Demott. Margaret, his wife, died in 1870, and in 1880 Mr. Eves married Elizabeth Eves, daughter of David and Sarah Eves.

Politically Mr. Eves is an unswerving Republican. He has served several terms as a member of the borough council. He is a member of Washington Lodge No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg; and a charter member and past grand of Millville Lodge No. 809, I. O. O. F.

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**J**ORDAN HOWARD ROCKEFELLER is a successful real estate dealer and attorney-at-law of Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., of whose family a more complete history will be found elsewhere in this book in a biographical sketch of William M. Rockefeller.

J. Howard Rockefeller is the only son of

the late A. Jordan and Mary A. (Forsyth) Rockefeller, and was born in Sunbury, March 12, 1862. He was educated in the public schools of Northumberland and at Granville Military Academy, Granville, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1880. He was subsequently engaged in the general mercantile and coal business at Espy, Columbia County, Pa., for three years, and later was engaged in the same business for two years at Northumberland. Having accumulated sufficient money in five years' business to defray expenses, in 1885 he entered upon the study of law under the late J. N. Hill of Sunbury. Three years later, in 1888, he was admitted to the bar and has since practiced his profession in Sunbury. He has also been admitted to the Supreme Court of the state and the United States District and Circuit Courts. He has a good general practice and is meeting with success as an attorney.

Mr. Rockefeller possesses a natural bent of mind for real estate speculation, and from his earliest manhood he has been dealing in real estate. Having keen insight into land values he is regarded as a careful and shrewd investor, always making profitable investments. He owns a farm of 750 acres in Point township, 400 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation, the balance being timberland. This is one of the finest farms in Central Pennsylvania. Mr. Rockefeller personally superintends this farm and is one of those who know how to make farming profitable. He also owns a large number of lots within the corporate limits of Sunbury.

Our subject's father, A. Jordan Rockefeller, was born in Sunbury, and was educated in his native town, after which he studied law with the late Judge Alexander Jordan. He was admitted to the bar at the early age of twenty years and gained a good practice. He was





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also a leading politician, being a Democrat prior to the war, and afterward a Republican. He was a fluent speaker and made many campaign speeches. He was remarkably talented and was a bright young attorney when cut off by death just in the beginning of a brilliant career. He died at the age of twenty-five years and his widow still survives him, residing in Sunbury. He was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Mary A. Forsyth, a daughter of William T. Forsyth, now deceased, who was a prominent citizen of Northumberland. They had one son, Jordan Howard, subject of this sketch.

Our subject sought for his wife, Edith Gertrude Hunsinger, daughter of William Hunsinger of Milton, Northumberland County, Pa., and two sons now bless their home: Jordan Howard, Jr., and William H. Mr. Rockteller is a Democrat and takes a nominal interest in party successes. In his religious belief he is an advocate of the doctrine of the Presbyterian faith, like all his family.

REV. JAMES A. HUBER, pastor of St. Hubert's German Catholic Church of Danville, Pa., was born at Lancaster, Pa., February 15, 1853, and is a son of William and Catherine (Koperle) Huber.

William Huber, now deceased, was a native of Baden, Germany, who, upon coming to this country, located at Lancaster, Pa., where he followed his trade as a builder and contractor. He was united in marriage with Catherine Koperle, and a family of eight children was born to them, who were named as follows: William, Titus, John, Mary, James, Barbara, Harry, and Catherine.

Rev. James A. Huber was a graduate of St. Vincent's College, and was ordained to preach

in 1880, and at once became assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church of Lancaster, from which place he was sent to New Freedom, Pa. Later he became pastor of the Carlisle Catholic Church, then was stationed at Elizabethtown, from which place he removed to Danville, and has occupied the pulpit of St. Hubert's German Catholic Church since March, 1895. The handsome church edifice was erected in 1862, is built of brick, and has a large basement, where the German Catholic School is conducted by sisters, Catherine and Huberta, who have some sixty pupils. The church is heated by hot air and lighted by gas; it has a membership of fifty families.

A portrait of Rev. James A. Huber is presented on another page, in connection with the above life history.

MR. ABRAHAM SHIPMAN, deceased, who in his day served as associate judge of Northumberland County, Pa., and also as county surveyor, was a well-known and most influential man. He was a son of John and Mary (McKinney) Shipman and was born March 6, 1810, in Lower Augusta township, where he resided all his life, passing away August 8, 1878. He was educated in the common schools of his native county and studiously applied himself when not in school, thereby acquiring a good education. He studied civil engineering under David Andrews and became a proficient surveyor, entering upon the duties of his profession in March, 1836. He built what is known as the Shipman mill, on the old homestead in Rockefeller township, and carried on farming and milling in conjunction with surveying and conveyancing, doing quite an extensive business. He served as county sur-



veyor for several years; was associate judge for a period of ten years; and subsequently was justice of the peace in Lower Augusta township for several years. Politically he was an ardent Democrat, active and influential in the councils of his party, and for a long time was its recognized leader in the county.

Harmon Shipman, Sr., the progenitor of the American branch of the numerous Shipman family, was a native of Germany and was born in 1717. He immigrated to this country about 1740, settling in New Jersey at a place known as Uniontown, in what is now Harmony township, Warren County; there he purchased 200 acres of land, which was then covered with a dense forest and was a fitting abode for the wild beasts and the native braves whom civilization was slowly but surely forcing from their heritage. With characteristic industry this hardy pioneer began the battle with the forces of nature to improve and transform the wilderness into productive and fruitful fields. He accomplished his task and lived out his long life on his estate, hewn out by his own efforts from that vast wilderness, and died March 8, 1805, aged eighty-eight years.

During the Revolutionary struggle Harmon Shipman aided the American cause, in many ways contributing both his time and his means and by sending four sons, William, Nicholas, John, and Christian, to the service, bidding them to fight gallantly for their country's freedom. At the close of the war the patriots found themselves so impoverished by their loyal efforts that the older sons, with their families, moved to other settlements.

William and Nicholas settled in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pa., in the spring of 1794. In 1802 their brothers, Christian and Jacob, settled in the same vicinity, and again a part of the family had been reunited. According to tradition

Harmon Shipman, Sr., was first married in Germany, and his wife came with him to America. They were the parents of five children, one of whom, William, was the grandfather of our subject. Harmon Shipman, Sr., married for his second wife a Miss Howe, and they had a family of six children.

William Shipman, grandfather of our subject, was born in Harmony township, Sussex County, New Jersey, June 9, 1756. He settled in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pa., in 1794; there he died June 23, 1841, and his remains were buried in the Mountain Presbyterian burial ground of that township. He married soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, settling in Lower Augusta township, where he purchased 150 acres of land, and subsequently made additional purchases until he became owner of a large acreage. He and his wife had a family of eight children, one of whom was John Shipman, father of Abraham Shipman, the subject of this sketch.

John Shipman was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, October 13, 1783, and at eleven years of age accompanied his parents to Lower Augusta township, where he spent his life in the tranquil and peaceful pursuits of husbandry. He died April 8, 1850. He was united in marriage with Mary McKinney, a daughter of Abraham and Abigail McKinney. This daughter was born January 25, 1786, and died March 10, 1851. John and Mary Shipman were parents of eleven children, the eldest of whom was the late Abraham Shipman, the subject of this sketch.

Abraham Shipman was united in marriage February 14, 1837, with Elizabeth Yoxthemer, by whom he had eleven children, ten of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. All were born in Lower Augusta township and were named as follows:

(1st.) Lemuel, who was born December 15, 1838. On September 27, 1860, he married Maria Bloom, daughter of William Bloom. Lemuel received an academic education in New Berlin, and early in life was employed in the saw and grist milling business by his father. October 30, 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army, in Company D, 3rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Artillery. He was promoted to second lieutenant of the same company, May 16, 1864, and served as such until the close of the war. While officer-of-the-day at Fortress Monroe he had charge of a very distinguished prisoner, no less a personage than Jeff Davis, President of the Confederate government. He was register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the Orphans' Court of his native county from 1874 to 1880, and has filled other positions of trust and honor. In 1887 he removed to Lewisburg, Union County, where he was prominent in business circles. He removed to West Virginia in 1889 and followed the lumbering business; at this writing he is at Meridian, Miss., engaged in lumbering and other enterprises.

(2nd.) Matilda, who was born August 19, 1840. On August 12, 1859, she married John Bloom of Lower Augusta township, now a successful farmer of Rockefeller township.

(3rd.) Mark, who was born April 24, 1842, and died June 22, 1870. He enlisted in the Union Army soon after the firing on Fort Sumter, and remained in active service during the entire war, being stationed most of the time at Key West, Fla.

(4th.) Saul, who was born January 4, 1844, and was married July 13, 1869, to Lucinda Fasold. He also enlisted in the Civil War, served in Company C, 131st Reg., Pa. Vol., and was discharged nine months after entering the service. On his return home he took a preparatory collegiate course at Freeburg

Academy. In 1864 he engaged in teaching school, and continued to teach until 1869, when he was elected superintendent of schools of Northumberland County. He was re-elected in 1872, serving six years; was a faithful official and thoroughly posted in the duties of his office. He now resides upon a farm in Rockefeller township, engaged in agricultural pursuits and teaching.

(5th.) Ruth, who was born August 6, 1845, and on October 31, 1867, became the wife of Joseph Gass, Jr., a farmer of Rockefeller township.

(6th.) Ann, who was born November 25, 1847, and was married November 15, 1866, to Anthony S. Speece, who is now engaged in the powder business at Speeceville, Dauphin County, Pa.

(7th.) Rebecca J., who was born December 27, 1850, and married Franklin Maberry.

(8th.) Silas, born April 30, 1853, and died August 14, 1853.

(9th.) Ira, whose life history will be given later.

(10th.) Walter, who is also mentioned in this review.

(11th.) Jefferson, who was born February 24, 1859, read law with his brother Walter, was admitted to the bar and is now a successful attorney at Mount Carmel, Pa.

Ira Shipman, county superintendent of schools of Northumberland County, Pa., and resident of Sunbury, is a son of the late Judge Shipman, whose history has been given. Prof. Shipman was born in Lower Augusta township, now Rockefeller township, five miles southeast of Sunbury, May 17, 1854. His election to the position of county school superintendent recalls the coincidence of his birth with the creation of the office of county superintendent, which was established in 1854 by an action of the State Legislature of

Pennsylvania. He received his education and training in the common schools of his native township, at Freeburg Academy, and at the Shippensburg State Normal School. He began teaching school at the age of seventeen years and followed that profession uninterruptedly for a period of twenty-two years, having taught four years in his native township and eighteen years in Sunbury. In 1893 he was elected county superintendent of schools and in 1896 was re-elected. In his young manhood he was assistant to his father, who was an expert surveyor and civil engineer, and when not otherwise engaged Prof. Shipman follows that calling now and is regarded as one of the best surveyors in the vicinity of his home. He was civil engineer of the borough of Sunbury for five years, but resigned in 1893, having been elected county superintendent. He served as justice of the peace for a number of years during his residence in Rockefeller township. Upon the death of his father he purchased the old family homestead, which he remodeled and made his place of residence for eight or ten years.

Ira Shipman has an honest and just pride in the progress and development of his adopted town, and has done much to advertise the advantages of Sunbury. He is a man of fine scholarly attainments; having been the guardian of his own literary pursuits, he deserves the hearty commendation of all. In the discharge of his official duties he has the reputation of being strictly honest and impartial, and is held in high esteem by teachers and all others, who regard him as an exemplary public servant and a most thorough and deserving gentleman. In his religious views he is an adherent of the Presbyterian Church.

On April 26, 1876, Prof. Shipman was united in marriage to Theresa, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Kline) Miller of Low-

er Augusta, now Rockefeller, township. Unto them have been born three children: Herbert M., deceased; Ralph; and Waldo.

Walter Shipman, a successful attorney-at-law and justice of the peace of Sunbury, is also a son of the late Judge Shipman, whose family is one of the leading ones in the Seventeenth Congressional District. He was born in Lower Augusta township, August 3, 1856, and received his primary education in the public schools, which was supplemented by a course in Freeburg Academy and at Millersburg State Normal School. He also became a teacher and followed that calling for a number of years, but finally decided to enter the legal profession. After reading and studying law he was admitted to the bar and has since been actively engaged in practicing his profession in Northumberland County. In 1893 he was elected justice of the peace in Sunbury, and re-elected to the same office in 1898. He is a Democrat; his town has a Republican majority ranging from 150 to 200 votes; the fact of Mr. Shipman's election and re-election to the same office on the Democratic ticket is ample evidence of his efficiency and great popularity with the masses.

April 30, 1878, Mr. Shipman took for his bride Josephine M. Coldren of Lower Augusta township, and three children have blessed their home: Lida M., born April 23, 1879, who is a graduate of the Sunbury High School, and now assists her father in his office duties; Carrie G., born July 15, 1882; and James F., born October 29, 1884.

Walter Shipman is a pleasant, genial gentleman, of fine mien; a man of exalted character, and has the air of a good politician. He has been very successful in building up a lucrative law practice and his success is the just reward of concentration and perseverance.



**D**R. FREDERICK D. RAKER. Among the many able physicians who are practicing their profession in Shamokin at the present time none have met with greater success than the subject of this sketch, Dr. F. D. Raker. Few are better known or more skilful, and none have a larger practice than that which occupies the entire time and attention of this active physician and surgeon, who owes his prominence in his profession to his own perseverance, which has enabled him to surmount all difficulties and become what the world rightly terms a self-made man. He is a native of Northumberland County. He acceptably filled the office of county coroner for two terms of three years each. Although he takes a lively interest in public affairs and is a good illustration of the representative Shamokin citizen, his extensive practice prevents active undertakings outside of his profession.

Dr. Raker was born in Little Mahanoy township, on December 26, 1856, and attended the ungraded district schools when not working on his father's farm. Then he entered the Elysburg and Freeburg academies, and at the age of twenty years commenced teaching school in Washington township. In 1877 he went to Wyoming township and began reading medicine with Dr. D. H. Dornise. By 1879 he had saved sufficient money to complete his medical education and he entered Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he was graduated two years later. He then began to practice his profession at Beaumont, Wyoming County, but remained there only seven months. On January 10, 1882, Dr. Raker removed to Shamokin, where he has since been in continual practice. The young physician pushed rapidly to the front after locating in Shamokin, his professional skill soon being recognized by all classes of the people. It was not long before he had as

many patrons as he could attend, and the result has been that in addition to acquiring an excellent reputation as an able physician and surgeon he has amassed a goodly share of this world's goods as well. He does not confine his practice to any one branch of his profession. Like all others who have attained success in his vocation, he has had to pay the penalty in hard work and untiring zeal for the relief of suffering humanity. He still burns the midnight oil in keeping himself well informed on all new developments in the medical world.

In 1889, in connection with Dr. D. S. Hollenback, he established the drug business under the firm name of Hollenback & Raker. He carried the Democratic banner successfully through the election of 1887 as candidate for the office of coroner, and again in 1890, and has also served as physician for the Shamokin and Coal township poor district. He has invested his earnings in real estate and owns a number of desirable building lots at Marshallton, which he is now disposing of at reasonable prices.

Frederick Raker, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Little Mahanoy township and a son of Conrad Raker, who was one of the pioneer settlers in the Mahanoy Valley. Frederick Raker spent his life in Little Mahanoy township, where he followed both farming and blacksmithing, and died at the age of forty years. He married Elizabeth Hoffman, who lived to the advanced age of eighty-seven years; her family was noted for longevity.

C. H. Raker, father of Dr. Raker, was probably born at Block House, in Tioga County, and has lived at the old homestead all his life, except a short time spent in the West. He learned the trade of a gunsmith and followed that occupation to some extent. He is an ardent Democrat, but not an office-seeker, and



has never held office other than a township office. In religious matters his preferment is the Lutheran Church, of which he is a useful and active member. He and his wife were parents of a family of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. Following are the names of those now living: Frederick D., subject of this sketch; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Alvin Raker, residing at Shamokin; Rev. John H., who graduated at Muhlenberg College at Allentown, and is now a minister at Lebanon, Pa.; Lydia, wife of John Schlegel, of Shamokin, Pa.; Hattie, wife of Samuel Moyer, of Shamokin; Albert, who resides on the old homestead at Raker, Northumberland County; Ida, wife of John Hillbush, of Shamokin; and Edward, a student at Muhlenberg College.

In 1882 Dr. Raker was united in marriage with Alveretta Wirt, who died June 19, 1885. May 27, 1890, he wedded a second wife, being united with Mary Ada Deppen, a daughter of Joseph Deppen, a successful real estate dealer of Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, Pa. Two sons and two daughters now bless their home: Conrad and Ralph; Eva and Alma. Mrs. Raker died May 8, 1898.

Dr. Raker is a member of the Columbian Medical Society of Shamokin; the Northumberland County Medical Society; the Pennsylvania State Medical Association; the Jefferson Medical College Alumni; and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the P. O. S. of A., and of the I. O. O. F., and an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

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**D**AYTON K. LEISERING, the popular and genial proprietor of the Elysburg Hotel, and one of the best known citizens of Elysburg, Pa., is a son of

Henry B. and Mary A. (Echrote) Leisering, and was born at Bear Gap, Shamokin township, Northumberland County, Pa., August 16, 1859.

Henry B. Leisering, the father of our subject, was born March 20, 1824, in Sunbury, Pa. The greater part of his life was spent at Bear Gap, but in 1884 he moved to Elysburg, Pa. He was a miller by trade and beside following that occupation had charge of and worked on the turnpike for many years. He was a staunch Democrat and, while he did not aspire to office, he was a prominent worker in politics. He was a hard working man and by honesty and integrity won for himself a large circle of friends, being widely known. Mr. Leisering married Mary A. Echrote of Allentown, Pa., who was born July 15, 1819, and lived to reach the age of seventy-nine years. Our subject's father passed away February 22, 1895, at the age of seventy-one years. He left several children, namely: Annie, who died at the age of twenty-nine; Herbert, a liveryman of Shamokin, Pa., who married Kate Lanciscus, and has two children, Malcolm and Lena; Stella, who married Clark Creasy, a farmer in Briarcreek township, Columbia County, by whom she has three children, Dayton, Clara, and Grace; Tacie, who married Theodore Heck, a butcher and proprietor of a feed store at Shamokin,—they have three children, Irene, Millie, and Harry; and Dayton K., the subject of this biography. The children were all educated in the public schools at Elysburg, Pa.

On October 14, 1879, Dayton K. Leisering married Mary E. Richard of Shamokin township, a daughter of John and Catherine (Ostricher) Richard. Mr. Richard's wife was born in Germany, but he was born in Shamokin township, where he lived all of his life work-

ing at farming and as a butcher. They were the parents of three children, as follows: William A., who is in the lumber business at Elysburg, and the father of five children, Harry, Dayton, Florence, Mabel, and Walter; Mary E., the wife of our subject; and Eugene, who is living with his father, who married Ella Lindermute of New Media, Columbia County, and has one son, Earl.

Dayton K. Leisering lived at home, working for his father until he was twenty years old, when he married, and he continued to reside with him for five years longer. Then he removed to Bear Gap and followed lumbering for one year, when he moved to Elysburg, where he is now engaged in farming and threshing. In 1887 he rented the hotel which he now owns and in 1895 purchased it. He has made many improvements on the building and it presents a fine appearance, being modern in every respect. The Elysburg Hotel is well-patronized and bears a flattering reputation, as it sets an excellent table; a bar is also run in connection with the house. The guests are given every attention and it is always with a feeling of regret that they take their departure from this well-known hostelry.

For the past seven years Mr. Leisering has carried on an extensive timber business, getting out mine supplies. He is an unswerving Democrat and takes an active interest in politics. In 1898 he was elected school director for three years. With years of hard work has come success to our subject, and he is spoken of by all as a man deserving of great prosperity. Religiously he is a member of the German Lutheran Church, while his wife is a member of the German Reformed Church. His marriage has been blessed by one child, John H., who was born June 8, 1881.

DR. P. J. FAUGHNAN, a highly respected citizen and well known physician of Locust Gap, Pa., has for many years been one of the most active men in the township, and has built up a large and lucrative practice in the county. He is the son of Francis and Fannie (Cremman) Faughnan, and was born February 23, 1865, in Gamble township, Lycoming County, Pa. Francis Faughnan was born in County Larrim, Ireland, and he married Fannie Cremman who was a native of County Cork, Ireland. They immigrated to America in the early 40's and settled in Lycoming County, Pa., where Mr. Faughnan departed this life. His wife, however, still lives in that county.

Dr. P. J. Faughnan, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Lycoming County and also attended the Lycoming County Normal School at Muncy, Pa. For three years he taught school, and during the summers worked at carpentering, doing contract work. He then entered the preceptorship of Dr. D. C. Flanagan of Ralston, Pa., and later entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., and was graduated from that institution in 1892. In 1893 he successfully passed the state examination and was admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, and at once located at Locust Gap, his present location, and has since enjoyed a large general practice.

Dr. Faughnan married Winifred Mathewson and their union has been blessed with one child, Marguerite. Politically, Dr. Faughnan is a staunch Democrat and while he has never sought political distinction, he has represented his party as delegate to county conventions. Dr. Faughnan has a host of warm friends in the county. He is a man of splendid attainments and fine natural abilities and is looked upon as one of the best physicians in the county.

**W** JOSEPH HARRISON, under whose successful management the Danville Knitting Mill Company has prospered, is a lineal descendant of the inventor of the knitting machine, and was born December 17, 1863, in the city of Philadelphia. He is a son of William J. and Anna (Wrightson) Harrison.

William J. Harrison, the father of our subject, was born in County Derry, Ireland, and early in life came to Philadelphia, Pa., where he followed the trade of a baker and later that of an engineer. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted and rendered valuable aid to the cause of his adopted country. After returning home he carried on a drug business until his retirement, when he returned to his native land and spent the remainder of his declining days, dying in 1896, at the age of sixty-one years. He was united in marriage with Anna Wrightson, a daughter of John Wrightson, who was a native of England, and a grandson, maternally, of Charles G. Shirtlift, the inventor of the knitting machine. Mr. Wrightson learned the details of the knitting business and came to America, locating in Philadelphia, where he established a knitting mill. He was succeeded as proprietor by his three sons: Henry, deceased; Arthur; and William. The two last named are still in that business. This union of our subject's parents resulted in the birth of the following children: W. Joseph; Robert C., a spinner of Philadelphia; Mary J.; John H., also a spinner of Philadelphia; and Oliver T., deceased. Mr. Harrison purchased a fine residence property in Philadelphia, where his beloved wife still lives.

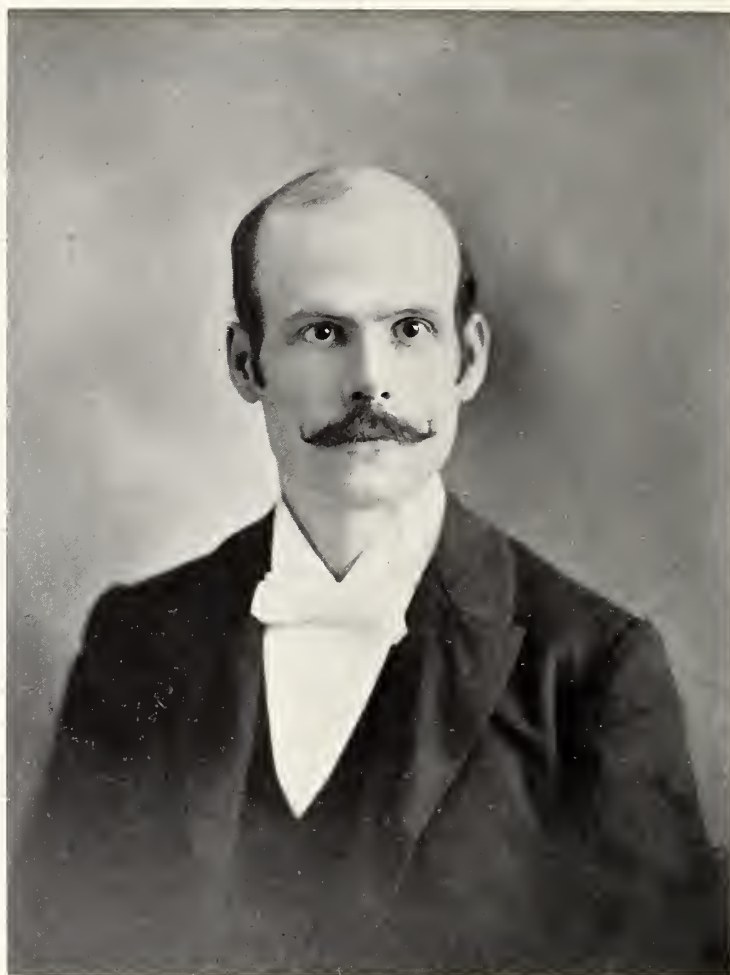
W. Joseph Harrison attended the public schools of his native city until he was twelve years of age, when he began working in the knitting mills, entering the employ of J. J.

Glazier & Co., where he took advantage of every opportunity offered for advancement. After gaining a thorough knowledge of the business he accepted a position as foreman of the Love & Company Knitting Mills of Philadelphia, which he held in a satisfactory manner for a period of four years, when he became manager of the Thomas West Mills, in that city. At the expiration of five years time he became foreman of the Taylor & Hawthorne Company of Wilmington, Del., remaining with that firm until 1896, when he came to Danville and became stockholder and general manager of the Danville Knitting Mill Company, which was formerly the Equitable Stocking Company. At that time the plant was located on West Center street in an old school-house which was rebuilt to meet the requirements of the business. In July, 1898, the company erected a three-story brick building, 48x84 feet, on Church street, which they now occupy. It is well lighted with electricity and heated with steam and equipped in every way for the convenience of carrying on the business. They make a specialty of gentlemen's fine hose, and, as the demand for their goods is exceedingly large, 300 skilled hands are constantly employed. This was the first factory in the vicinity of Danville to employ female help, thereby effecting a great good by giving employment to many needy persons.

Mr. Harrison was united in matrimonial bonds with Mary D. Farrell, a daughter of Edwin W. Farrell, a machinist of more than ordinary skill, of Philadelphia, and they are the happy parents of five children, namely: Annie; William; Lillie; Joseph; and Thomas. Socially he is past sachem of Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, I. O. R. M.; and was the organizer of Ialtah Tribe, No. 115, and of Men-eola Tribe No. 187. Politically, our subject is a Democrat.







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REV. ROBERT N. HARRIS. It is a pleasure to write the review of the life and work of a man such as is the subject of this sketch, however brief and inadequate it may be in some details. Clothed in the spirit as well as the garb of the ministry, naturally modest and unassuming, Robert N. Harris is not the man to tell much of his deeds nor to take unto himself as much credit as is cheerfully given to him by those who know him best and who are most intimately associated with him in his church work. Higher compliment need not be paid our subject than to characterize him as a strong, eloquent man of God as pastor and Christian, and as an equally strong, self-possessed, helpful man as citizen, neighbor and friend.

Rev. Robert N. Harris is a son of Robert N. and Mary A. (Kees) Harris, and was born in West Philadelphia, Pa., October 28, 1866. He is the popular, scholarly and successful pastor of the First Congregational Church of Mount Carmel, a church which has constantly increased in numbers and influence for good under his ministrations.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia and also had the benefit of instructions by Rev. P. J. Kain of Philadelphia, under whose guidance he well prepared himself to enter the ministry as he had determined to do when quite young, which decision was made upon his conversion. After devoting himself to evangelistic work for some time our subject was made associate pastor with his tutor and friend, Rev. P. J. Kain, and was placed in charge of the First Congregational Church at West Pittston, Pa., in September, 1891. He remained in charge of that church until March, 1894, when he accepted a call to the Second Congregational Church at Coaldale, Schuylkill County, Pa.,

where he remained until September, 1896, during which time the membership of the church was increased twelvefold and a beautiful house of worship built and dedicated, free from all debt. He then removed to Mount Carmel and assumed the pastorate of the church of which he is now the head. He presides over the largest Protestant congregation in the town, his church has all the customary working societies and the increase in membership has been large and rapid since he became pastor. When he was called to Mount Carmel the church was in quite a sad state in many respects and the few surviving members, who had stood by it for many years, were much discouraged but agreed to still hold on and to try once more, provided our subject could be secured as their pastor. Mr. Harris accepted the call and with his characteristic energy set to work and aroused such interest and attracted people so generally by his powerful and eloquent preaching and his many good traits of personal character, that the church is to-day on solid foundations and a new and much larger edifice, costing about \$6,000, stands a fitting monument to the energy and popularity of the pastor and the love and respect in which he is held by his congregation.

Comparatively few weeks have passed since a terrible event occurred which was the means of forever linking with the local history of Mount Carmel and its residents the name and the deeds of Rev. Robert N. Harris. It was in the disastrous railroad wreck at Dunellen, N. J., that the greater, the more concealed, manly character of our subject was revealed. He was among those on the ill-fated train and was seated in the midst of the victims of the wrecked coach; unlike many of the officials and others, he retained his self-possession, and, therefore, was able to do what was

to be done quickly and effectively. It fell to his lot to assume charge of the rescue and to aid in their exacting work the physicians who first arrived. The details of the terrible catastrophe need not be recounted here, nor is it possible to adequately describe the quiet dignity, the helpful and consoling spirit in which Mr. Harris went among the dead and wounded and ministered to their comfort, bodily and spiritually. Among the passengers were a number of the citizens of Mount Carmel, eight of whom yielded up their lives, and to the wounded Mr. Harris spoke words of cheer, gave nourishment, and through all the terrible ordeal, in the midst of the moans of the dying and the pitiful appeals and prayers of the suffering, bore himself like unto the true man of God that he is. His was a cheerful presence, a ray of gladsome light shedding itself upon the darkness which dread disaster had lowered over many homes in Mount Carmel. Appreciating his efforts, the railroad company placed free telegraphic communication and a special car at his disposal, and, thus, Mr. Harris was enabled to quickly perform the sorrowful duty of notifying loved ones of the terrible blow which had fallen. His messages, whether bearing the tidings of death or the notice of injury, were so written that they ever will be remembered as those of a man with a manly and sensitive heart and filled with the tender Godly spirit. His services at the wreck endeared him to those not only within his church but to those who differ with him in belief but unite with all in recognizing his assistance in a time of need and in loving him for the kindly, effective and gentle manner in which it was given; and, not until after the arrival of the other rescuers, whom Rev. Mr. Harris gave all the credit for their noble work at the wreck, was ascertained the valuable service which Rev. Mr.

Harris had rendered in the terrible hour of need.

On August 17, 1893, our subject married Emma B. Brown, daughter of Charles Wesley Brown of West Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa. To the happy couple have been born two children: Wesley Kain, born May 25, 1894, and Eleanor May, born June 25, 1896.

The parents of the subject of this review came of sturdy Scotch-Irish stock, both having been born in County Donegal, Ireland, where they were reared. The mother of our subject came to this country in 1849, locating in Philadelphia, and the father followed in the succeeding year. The couple were married in 1855. The father in his native country was a farmer and landowner. He located in Philadelphia where he was connected for some years with Wetheril & Co., manufacturers of lead, and where he now resides at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife died in July, 1893. In politics the father always has been a Republican. Religiously he is one of the three surviving charter members of the Princeton Presbyterian Church of which Rev. Dr. Addison Henry is pastor. He has always taken active part in the work of that church in which he has long served as an elder.

Robert N. Harris and his wife, Mary, parents of our subject, had given unto them six children: Albert E., William A., and Katharine J., who are deceased; our subject; Annie E., wife of James E. MacIntyre of Germantown, Pa., who is a drummer by occupation; and Charles K., who is a resident of Philadelphia and a brassworker by occupation.

To the many friends and well-wishers of Rev. Robert N. Harris, it will be a pleasure to learn that his portrait is shown on a preceding page, in connection with the above account of his life and works.



PETER BALDY, Sr., who was one of the most prominent men of Danville, was a son of Paul and Catherine (Beam) Baldy, and was born in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa. In 1814 he left the town of his nativity and located in Danville where he followed his trade, that of a blacksmith, for several years. He subsequently engaged in the general merchandise business, at which he was very successful and at which he continued the rest of his life. He was a public-spirited man and did much for the borough of Danville. He organized the first bank of Danville in 1848 and served as its president until his demise. He was a liberal supporter of the volunteer soldiers of Danville, especially of the Baldy Guards under Capt. Ramsey, and the Fencibles under Capt. Shreeve. He did considerable building in the village. He retired from active business duties some twenty years before his death, which occurred November 24, 1880. He was always deeply interested in religious works. When young he was an active member of the Lutheran Church, but in 1828, when Christ Episcopal Church was built, he became one of its first vestrymen. His son, Peter Baldy, Jr., was the first to be baptized in the church, and afterwards he became the organist. Peter, Sr., was one of the main supporters of the church and in 1844 presented it with a large bell. He bequeathed \$5,000 for the support of the clergy of that church, \$500 to the Sunday School, and \$50,000 for a suitable memorial to himself and his beloved wife. His will was executed to the letter, and as a result one of the most beautiful churches in Eastern Pennsylvania was erected at Danville. His companion in life was Sarah Hurley, a daughter of Daniel and Martha Hurley, who passed to her eternal rest in November, 1875, in the eighty-fifth year of her age. They were the parents of the

following children: Edward Hurley, Martha Hurley, Mary Catherine, Peter, Jr., Hurley, and Ellen Ann.

Edward Hurley Baldy was a man of scholarly attainments and graduated from Princeton College before he was of age. He then took up the study of law with Josiah Comly, and was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-two years. He then began to practice in the village of Danville, and was one of the most successful lawyers of the county. He was a shrewd and energetic man and was an eloquent orator. His reputation extended throughout the state and he acquired high standing in the foremost ranks of his profession. He was an enterprising man, and, like his father, took an active interest in the welfare of Danville. He succeeded his father as president of the Danville National Bank. In company with Charles Paxton he laid out a tract of land which is to-day within the corporate limits of the borough. He was attorney for all of the early manufacturing plants in the eastern part of the state. He accumulated a fortune. In 1872 he erected a handsome stone residence on West Market street, one of the finest in the town at that time. After living a long and useful life he was called to his final rest in 1891, at the age of seventy years. He was united in the bonds of wedlock to Mary Jennison, a daughter of William Jennison, who was for many years connected with the Pennsylvania Iron Works of Philadelphia, but finally located in Danville, residing on the site of the present Methodist Episcopal parsonage. Five children blessed this union, namely: Mary J. (Grove); Kate G. (Watson); Edward H., Jr., and Emily, deceased; and William Jennison, a well-known attorney and real estate dealer of Danville, who succeeded his father as president of the Danville National Bank. Mrs. Baldy died at



the age of twenty-six years. Her husband formed a second matrimonial alliance with Henrietta C. Montgomery, who came from one of the early families of Pennsylvania. She is descended from one Robert Montgomery, who, with his wife Sarah, emigrated from Ireland at the age of thirty-two years and located on the present site of the city of Harrisburg, Pa., where he engaged in the cultivation of the soil. His son, John, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and was but four years old when he came to America with his parents. He lived in the vicinity of Harrisburg all his life, and his death resulted from an accident in 1792, at the age of fifty-eight years. As a result of his union with Christina Foster he became the parent of a son, David, the grandfather of Mrs. Baldy. David Montgomery married Agnes Shaw, by whom he had the following children: Eliza; John G., the father of Mrs. Baldy; Margaret; William S.; David B.; Robert F.; Christina; Nancy; and Caroline B. John G. Montgomery was born on January 28, 1805, and after reaching maturity studied law under the direction of Judge Cooper of Danville. He was a prominent lawyer of Danville and lived an active life until his demise, in 1857. His first marriage was with Deborah B. Kerr, a daughter of Jacob Kerr, and after her death he married Henrietta Cooper, a daughter of his former preceptor, Judge Cooper. This union resulted in the following issue: Agnes; Alice; Elizabeth; Henrietta C.; Margaret; John C.; and Caroline. Mrs. Baldy died in 1864, leaving five children: Sarah Hurley, the wife of Dr. Irving H. Jennings, a record of whose life appears below; Dr. John Montgomery of Philadelphia, who is without doubt one of the best physicians of the state of Pennsylvania; Alice, who married a Mr. Hartman; Henry Waller; and Henrietta Cooper. Edward H.

Baldy was again married, his third union being with Alice Montgomery, a sister of his second wife.

Dr. Irving H. Jennings, whose office is located at No. 104 Mill street, Danville, Pa., is one of the leading dentists of Montour County. He was born in Harrisburg, Pa., and is a son of John C. Jennings. He obtained his intellectual training in the public and high schools of Harrisburg, after which he was prepared for the dental profession in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1883. Immediately thereafter he began practice in Harrisburg and continued until 1885, when he moved to Danville, where he has since continued to practice.

Dr. Jennings was joined in hymeneal bonds with Sara Hurley Baldy, and they are the happy parents of a bright and interesting son, Edward Baldy Jennings, who was born in Danville, September 4, 1897. Religiously, Dr. and Mrs. Jennings are consistent members of Christ Episcopal Church of Danville.

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**W**ILLIAM F. HALEY, a leading merchant of Locust Gap, who is proprietor of one of the largest grocery stores of that place, is known for his honest and upright dealings with all and is a man of the strictest integrity. He is a son of Patrick and Barbara (Meisberger) Haley, and was born in Coal township, Northumberland County, Pa., August 14, 1871.

Patrick Haley, the father of our subject, was born February 22, 1835, at Mount Laffer, Schuylkill County, Pa., and moved to Northumberland County at the age of nineteen and located in Coal township. Although a prac-

tical miner, he followed contracting among the mines nearly all his life time, and it was in the mines at Coal township that he lost his life, August 20, 1884. He was a life-long Democrat, and he never cared for public life for himself, but he was untiring in his efforts for the success of his friends. He married Barbara Meisberger, a native of Germany, who came with her parents to this country when but five years old. She was born January 3, 1850, and her father was Michael Meisberger. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of Coal township, and were highly respected in the county. Our subject's parents reared eight children, as follows: William F., the subject of this biography; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Peter Duppy of Locust Gap, and whose daughter, Margaret, is being reared by our subject; Michael, who was killed in the mines at the age of twenty-one years, nine months and three days; Margaret, the wife of Walter Bosine, who resided at Locust Gap; Elizabeth, the wife of Frank Brecker of Locust Gap; Eugene, who is in the employ of our subject; Victoria, who is at home; and Patrick, who died at the age of three years. Our subject's mother is still living and is spending her declining days at the home of her son.

William F. Haley, the subject of this biography, was educated in the schools of Coal township, but at the age of nine years he began picking slate, continuing his schooling during the summer. At the age of eleven years he went into the mines, remaining there until he was nineteen years old; he then worked for two years in the grocery store of his aunt, Mrs. Enoch Shoda of Mount Carmel. At the end of that period he engaged in the huckstering business for three years, having a large patronage and being very successful; in connection with that business he became

proprietor of the grocery store which he now conducts.

On November 22, 1897, our subject married Elizabeth Rourke. Mr. Haley has a large and lucrative business and he is an active and interested citizen of Locust Gap. In politics he is a Democrat.

EDEN H. OSTRANDER, one of the most widely known citizens of Northumberland County, is a highly esteemed resident of Riverside, where he is engaged in civil engineering, in the real estate business, and as an expert accountant. He was born in New York City, October 12, 1837, and is a son of Philip H. and Julia A. (Van Loon) Ostrander, both of whom were natives of New York City.

Our subject was reared and educated in New York City, learned the profession of a civil engineer, and then spent six years in the employ of the New York & Hudson River Railroad. He then gave up his profession and moved to Danville, Pa., to accept a position in a large general store; later he spent one year in Philadelphia; then he returned to Danville and became accountant for Grove Bros., of that town, which position he held for a period of seven years. This position he resigned to accept an appointment as postmaster of Danville, and at the expiration of his term, in 1869, he again took up his former profession as a civil engineer. In 1869 he laid out the village of Riverside, which lies on the bank of the Susquehanna River, opposite the borough of Danville, and is located in Rush township, Northumberland County. Our subject built a handsome brick residence, with a brown-stone front, on the corner of Avenue

D and Sixth street; the house is surrounded by a well-kept lawn and beautiful shade trees and shrubberies. He also built and sold some twenty other model residences, and induced many people to make Riverside their home. Mr. Ostrander has supervised the erection of many of the residences and business structures of Riverside, including the bridge that was built in 1875, which connects Danville and Riverside, and the Danville Water Works. In 1871 he erected the Union School building, paid the bills and carried all indebtedness for several years, when it was transferred to the school district. He has been interested in the growth of both Danville and Riverside, has served as president of the Glendower Mills, now known as the Mahoning Rolling Mills, and has served as accountant for nearly all the mills and manufacturing establishments in Danville. He has also served as justice of the peace, as school director, and has been a member of the village council of Riverside.

In 1898 the borough of Sunbury made a contract with George F. Steefer and Mr. Ostrander for the making of an official map of the borough, and in 1899, after about a year and a half of labor, the work was completed, at a cost of about \$2,000.

Mr. Ostrander was wedded to Melissa D. Brown, a daughter of George B. Brown of Danville.

George Brown was born in Columbia County, now Montour County, September 13, 1816, and is a son of Samuel and Dorothy (Neice) Brown, the former a native of England and the latter a native of Holland. George Brown engaged in farming until he was seventeen years of age and then began clerking in a store at Mifflinville, Pa. In 1834 he moved to Danville and purchased the store of S. M. Bowman & Company; he then studied dentistry and later opened a dental office.

In 1856 he opened and conducted a stationery store, and to him belongs the honor of establishing the first daily newspaper of Danville. He was united in marriage to Sarah A. Gearhart, a daughter of John Gearhart, and as a result of this union four children were reared, namely: Benton B.; Melissa D., our subject's wife; John G.; and William G.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander are the parents of the following children: George B., a clerk residing at Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Walter S., a civil engineer and surveyor of Riverside; Sarah B., who is attending school; and Henry and Mary, who died in infancy. Mr. Ostrander is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is the oldest past master living of Danville Lodge No. 224, F. & A. M.; is past high priest and past commander of the Knights Templar; also a member of Danville Chapter. Our subject is a member of the Baptist Church and has served as trustee many years; he also aided in the building of the Episcopal Church of Riverside. Mrs. Ostrander is a member of the Methodist Church.

In politics our subject is a Democrat, but was formerly a Republican, having cast his first vote for Lincoln.

DR. SAMUEL B. ARMENT, a well-known physician and surgeon of Columbia County, is one of the popular and highly esteemed residents of Bloomsburg. He was born in the city of Philadelphia, August 11, 1852, and is a son of Oliver H. P. and Mary Govett (Whitehead) Arment, and grandson of Benjamin Arment.

The grandfather of our subject, with his widowed mother, removed from New York City to Delaware County, Pa., where Benjamin was bound out to learn the trade of a



shoemaker, which vocation he followed a short time; he then purchased a farm near Middletown, Delaware County, and engaged in the cultivation of the soil. When the West Chester Division of the Pittsburg & Western Railroad was laid across his farm he erected a fine house near the track, which the railroad company afterward bought and transformed into a station, calling it Greenwood Grove. Benjamin Arment passed from this life aged eighty-two years; he was the father of the following children: William Henry; Oliver Hazard Perry; Benjamin Franklin; Henry Harrison; Margaret; and Sarah. The grandmother of our subject died at the age of fifty-six years.

Oliver Hazard Perry Arment was born on his father's farm in Delaware County, Pa., and when he attained his manhood he learned the carpenter's trade and worked with Joseph West of Philadelphia for several years. Later he was a builder and contractor, in which business he was very successful; he was a very active man and was held in high esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances. He entered the world of rest, September 19, 1878, at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. Arment chose for his companion in life Mary Govett Whitehead, a daughter of John Whitehead of Philadelphia, and to them the following children were born: Annie, the wife of Charles H. Bridenhurst; Samuel B., the subject of this narrative; Mary, who died in her infancy; and Ella Lucretia, the wife of Dr. A. S. Koses, a prominent dentist of Harrisburg, Pa. Our subject's father was a member of the Episcopal Church; in politics he was a staunch Republican. Socially he was a member and treasurer of Veritas Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Philadelphia, and of Moscosca Lodge, I. O. R. M.

Dr. Samuel B. Arment, at the age of eleven years, went to live with his grandfather, Ben-

jamin Arment, and attended the public schools of Middletown until he was sixteen years of age; he then learned the carpenter's trade and followed that occupation until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began the study of medicine under Dr. J. W. McEwen of Philadelphia. Later he entered Jefferson Medical College, and was graduated in 1878. His work in college was of a high order and he received honorable mention from Prof. J. M. DeCosta for the report of clinical cases, and a pocket operating case from Dr. T. H. Andrews for the best dissection in the anatomical rooms. Of like character has been his work since as a practitioner. Immediately after his graduation he served six months as assistant demonstrator under Dr. T. H. Andrews, thereby adding extensively to his knowledge and gaining much practical experience. He next followed his chosen profession at Vincentown, N. J., for one and one-half years; later he went West and operated a ranch at Morning Side, near Sioux City, Iowa, remaining in that business for over a year. He then again took up his profession and practiced with Dr. A. J. Weeks for some time. Returning to Philadelphia he accepted a position as assistant demonstrator under A. C. W. Beecher of the Jefferson Medical College; and as chief of the staff under Dr. C. H. Allis in the orthopedic department of the Jefferson Medical College Hospital. In 1887 Dr. Arment moved to Bloomsburg to take charge of Dr. Gardner's practice while the latter was away, and finding the location to his liking he continued in his profession there, becoming a very skilful practitioner, and rose to the front ranks with wonderful rapidity.

Dr. Arment was wedded to Armentine McIntyre, and they are the parents of one child, Armentine Lucretia, who was born January 22, 1892. Our subject bought of Mr. P. E.



Wirt his residence at No. 26 West Fifth street, and has remodeled and equipped the same with the latest improvements; his office and parlors are in his residence, and his home is one of the handsomest in the community. In 1892 the Doctor patented the well-known Arment lawn-mower, and has a manufacturing plant in Bloomsburg, this business alone yielding him a handsome income. He is a member and past master of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; past eminent commander of Crusade Commandery; illustrious commander-in-chief of Caldwell Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32nd degree; and is viceroy of Orient Conclave, No. 2, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

EDWARD G. HOFFMAN, who prior to his death, July 13, 1898, was prothonotary and clerk of the several courts of Montour County, Pa., was one of the highly esteemed and valued citizens of the town of Danville. He was a native of Rush township, Northumberland County, and was a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Wolverton) Hoffman, a grandson of Abraham Hoffman, and a great-grandson of Jacob Hoffman.

Jacob Hoffman was born in Germany. He immigrated to this country, locating in New Jersey, where he engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. Abraham Hoffman, the grandfather of our subject, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland County, Pa., where he was successfully engaged as an agriculturist. He was the father of the following children: John; Peter; Michael; Abraham; Barbara; and Maria.

Abraham Hoffman, the father of our sub-

ject, was born on his father's farm in Northumberland County where he spent his boyhood days assisting his father in the labors on the farm. Attaining his majority he was in the mercantile business for a number of years, sold out and purchased a farm in Rush township, Northumberland County. He remained there the rest of his days, passing away at the age of eighty-seven years, four months and twenty-seven days. Prior to his death he was a hearty, strong and active man, and his demise was sudden, the cause being a stroke of apoplexy. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Elizabeth Wolverton, a daughter of Roger Wolverton of Northampton County, Pa. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Maria, John, Beulah, Jacob, Jemima, Erastus, Isaac, and Edward G. Mrs. Hoffman died at the age of fifty-nine years.

Edward G. Hoffman, the subject of this sketch, received his primary education in the public schools and completed it by a course in the Danville Academy. The next nine years were spent in teaching in the public schools of Danville, after which he carried on farming in Rush township for four years. In 1861 he removed to Danville and was employed as bookkeeper in the store of Waterman & Beaver. Later he served as commissioner clerk for the county for five years. In 1873 he was elected justice of the peace, and in connection with the duties of that office also acted as prothonotary of Montour County. In 1887 our subject was elected prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Montour County, and filled those offices until his death; he proved himself worthy of the position, and won high esteem in his profession.

Mr. Hoffman was united in the bonds of matrimony with Sarah E. Mettler, a daughter of Wilson Mettler, a prominent farmer of





JACOB D. WERKHEISER.

Rush township, Northumberland County, and they had one child, Annie Elizabeth, born in 1864, who assisted her father in the discharge of his duties, being deputy prothonotary. In 1869 Mr. Hoffman erected a handsome brick residence at No. 121 Market street, where he resided the remainder of his life. He was a member and past master of Danville Lodge No. 224, F. & A. M.; Danville Commandery No. 37, of Danville.

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**J**ACOB D. WERKHEISER, a prosperous and enterprising merchant of Espy, Columbia County, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a son of John and Helena (Dietrich) Werkheiser, and was born in Upper Mount Bethel township, Northampton County, Pa., September 28, 1827.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Carl Werkheiser, was a native of Germany,—upon coming to this country he located in Northampton County, where he was one of the leading agriculturists. He reared a large family of children.

John Werkheiser, the father of our subject, was born in Northampton County, February 16, 1791, and at an early age learned the trade of a tailor. He followed that occupation in Upper Mount Bethel township until 1831, when he moved to Briarcreek, now Center township, Columbia County, and there devoted the remainder of his life to tilling the soil and operating a saw-mill. He was an industrious worker and was quite successful in business affairs. He was a stanch Democrat and held many township offices. He was an active member and officer in the Lutheran Church. His death, which occurred March 6, 1860, was the result of acci-

dentally falling from a wagon and breaking his neck. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Helena Dietrich, a daughter of Mr. J. Dietrich of Upper Mount Bethel township, Northampton County, and they reared five sons and three daughters, namely: Charles, deceased, formerly a tailor but later a huckster and farmer of Mifflinville, Columbia County; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of the late Samuel Dietrich of Berwick; Peter F., deceased, who was a tailor and afterwards a huckster of Mifflinville; John, a retired tailor and miller of Mifflinville; Reuben, who died at an early age; Sarah Ann, deceased; Katie Ann, the wife of Nehemiah Richart of Espy; and Jacob D., the subject of this personal history.

Jacob D. Werkheiser received his education in the public schools, after which he worked for a time at the tailor's trade with his father. He then learned the trade of a shoemaker which he followed from 1845 to 1878, during which time he was also engaged in boating on the Pennsylvania canal; he also engaged in huckstering for one year. In 1863 he opened a general merchandise store in connection with the manufacture of shoes and has very successfully continued the mercantile business since. He has a neat, well-appearing store and under his capable management it has the patronage of the leading citizens of the community.

Mr. Werkheiser has twice taken the marriage vows. His first union, which occurred in 1850, was with Catherine Stricker, a daughter of Peter Stricker of Catawissa, and they were the proud parents of five children: Miles Arthur, a shoemaker of Byron, Lee County, Ill.; John Lloyd, a resident of Pittston, Pa.; William Charles, an employee in the railroad signal station at Duryea, Luzerne County, and also a groceryman of that place; Sarah Ma-



tilda, wife of Lewis Miller of Pittston, Pa.; and Clara, who died when four years of age. His second alliance was with Elmyra Lunger, a daughter of Jacob Lunger of Jackson township, Columbia County. Our subject is past grand master of Espy Lodge, No. 681, I. O. O. F., and was also chaplain for several years. In religious attachments he is a Lutheran. He joined the Lutheran Church when he was eighteen years of age. He has been a member of the council of that church since 1852 and has been the secretary of the council for forty years. He was one of the charter members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Espy; and was superintendent of the Sunday School several years. He has also been secretary of the Creveling Cemetery Company for thirty-five years and is the treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Espy, Pa.

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**M**ICHAEL MEYLERT was a prominent and highly esteemed citizen and a substantial business man of Laporte, Pa., of which town he was the founder. He laid out the streets and parks of the town and did more to promote its interests than any other man. Mr. Meylert was born in New Milford, Pa., on June 20, 1823, and he was a son of Secku and Abigail (Nichols) Meylert.

Secku Meylert was a farmer of Susquehanna County, Pa., and as a result of his marriage with Abigail Nichols the following children were born: Amos N.; Michael, the subject of this biographical sketch; Henry, who died in infancy; William; Mindwell; Asa; Maria; Guerdon; Priscilla. Amos N. was united in marriage with Ann Dennis, and they reared the following children: Addie, the wife of J.

A. Scranton, who has two children, Lydia and Robert; Charles, deceased, who was joined in marriage with Laquer Lawrence, by whom he reared three children, Laquer, Charles, and Fanny; William wedded Mary Rielly, who bore him one daughter, Florence; Mary, wife of O. Johnson; Kate, wife of J. F. Maylon, and has two children, Catherine and Theo; and Louise, who is the wife of Fred Rodewald, and is the mother of one child, Annie. William, the fourth child born to Secku and Abigail Meylert, married Mary A. Gregory, and they reside in Laporte. They have reared five children: Mina, the wife of E. S. Chase, by whom she has three children, Ada, Edith, and Helen; Adaline; Howard, whose marriage with Mary Cain resulted in the birth of one child, Grace; Fanny; and Frank, who wedded Rose Miller. Mindwell Meylert was united in marriage with Alfred Sauer, and their home has been blessed by two children, Alfred and Fred. Asa Meylert was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Harriet Hodgdon. Maria Meylert married Isaac Brunner and four children blessed this union, namely: Mary, the wife of William Mullen, is the mother of two children, Eugenia and Meylert; Meylert B. married Mary Mayall, and they have reared three children, Charlotte, Mayall, and Meylert; Anna; and Edith. Guerdon Meylert married Ellen Madden; Priscilla, the youngest child born to Secku and Abigail Meylert, married Judson Richardson, and they have two children, May and William.

Michael Meylert, the subject of this sketch, acquired a good education in the public schools and at Montrose and Friendsville academies. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching school. Later he was employed by a corps of engineers to work on the North Branch of the canal, during which

time he made his home at Tunkhannock. Upon the completion of the canal he followed surveying and civil engineering and surveyed the asylum lands. He subsequently entered the employ of William B. Clymer, general agent of the Bingham estate, and took charge of the surveying department. In 1847, when Sullivan County was divided from Lycoming County, Mr. Meylert, the father of our subject, and Mr. Clymer purchased the Norris & Fox lands, which lie in the south-central part of Sullivan County, and they appointed Michael Meylert as agent, and he purchased many hundred acres of land. He built a rude log house and settled at what is now the town of Laporte; he surveyed and laid out streets and parks; built many houses, and set out shade trees. He erected the first frame house there, now known as the Mountain House, and later built the Laporte Hotel, a handsome and substantial structure, three-stories high, which was destroyed by fire in 1897. He also built a saw-mill and later established a newspaper, with which he was connected for some thirty years. In 1851 Mr. Meylert became interested in tanning, and in that year built a tannery. Besides a beautiful brick building, which he made his home, he owned several other residences. Mr. Meylert was never known to abandon any important project having once set about the execution of it, and it was this persistency of effort which won him success and which gained for him the admiration and respect of his fellow-citizens.

Politically our subject was an uncompromising Democrat and upheld the principles of his party with the steadfastness that characterized all his actions. He was positive in his opinions and fearless in their maintenance. In 1851 he was honored by election to the State Legislature and passed the first railroad bill allowing a railroad to be built between Cata-

wissa and the State Line. He surveyed the route of the Williamsport & North Branch Railroad. Our subject's mind was always active and industrious and his business affairs were always conducted with great wisdom and skill; he was regarded as a man of weight in his community, whose opinions and judgment were highly valued. The death of Mr. Meylert occurred on January 17, 1883, and his loss was greatly mourned by the community in which he had so long resided and with which he was so closely identified. Mrs. Meylert now resides in Laporte, where she is held in high esteem by a large circle of acquaintances.

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JACOB B. MAGARGEL. Among the foremost and enterprising merchants of Sullivan County, Pa., is the gentleman whose biography we write, who has been engaged in the mercantile business in the village of Sonestown since 1891, and who at present keeps one of the most complete general stores that can be found in the country. He is also recognized as one of the valuable members of the community. He was born in Sonestown April 2, 1869, and is a son of Thomas S. and Phoebe E. (Houseknecht) Magargel, and grandson of Britten Magargel, who resided in the city of Philadelphia during his early manhood, but later moved to Lycoming County, Pa., where he conducted a merchandise store and operated a farm.

Thomas S. Magargel was born and reared in the city of Philadelphia, and his youthful days were spent attending the district school and assisting his father in the cultivation of his father's farm and working in his store. In early manhood, Mr. Magargel took up his residence in Sonestown and rented the old Tay-

lor Hotel, which he later bought, and rebuilt into a handsome three-story house, containing seventeen rooms, which he furnished throughout with the latest conveniences. He conducted this hotel until his death, which occurred in 1889; the hotel was the most popular stopping-place for the traveling public in the community and was classed among the best hotels in its section of the county. He was united in marriage with Phoebe E. Houseknecht, a daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Sones) Houseknecht, and they became the happy parents of the following children: Harry, a farmer by vocation, married Belle Ray and they are the parents of four children,—Brewnard, Schuster, Emerson, and Wort; Ella May is the wife of Lincoln Sheets; Clara was united in marriage with Charles Starr and they are the parents of two children,—Celia and Frank, deceased; Jacob B. is the subject of this personal history; Frank is a prominent merchant of Muncy Valley, Pa., and his wife is Cora Crawley; Ralph is living at home; and Maude, deceased. Our subject's mother is one of a family of ten children, namely: John, Julian, Peter, Betsey, Jacob, Benjamin, Daniel, Charles, Mary Jane, Issachar, and Phoebe E. Mrs. Magargel conducted the hotel after the demise of her husband until January 2, 1899, and is a lady much respected for her many excellent traits of character. Our subject's father was an unwavering Democrat and held the office of commissioner and constable; fraternally he was a member and past grand of the I. O. O. F.

Jacob B. Magargel attended the district schools and the Muncy Normal and then taught some five terms in all in the public schools of Sonestown; his first venture into business was in the year 1891, when he and his brother Frank purchased the mercantile store then owned by Jacob Lorah. They also

bought the building which was erected by Jacob Lorah in 1876 and was a two-story frame 24 by 60; they carried a complete line of goods such as is carried in a general store and succeeded in establishing an enviable trade. Later our subject purchased the interests of his brother Frank, who went to Muncy Valley, Pa., where he opened a like store; Mr. Magargel has greatly increased the stock since taking full possession of the store and by his honest and straightforward ways of dealing has gained the confidence and good-will of the entire community. Mr. Magargel also owns a fine and productive farm consisting of 102 acres and has men to cultivate the same for him, as his time is too much taken up in his store to attend to agricultural work.

Politically, Mr. Magargel is a solid Democrat and takes an active interest in any enterprise that tends to promote the interest of his native township and county. He was appointed postmaster of Sonestown on April 5, 1893, and held the office until February 20, 1896. During his stay in office he gave complete satisfaction to the community. Fraternally he is a member and past grand of the I. O. O. F. and has passed through all the chairs of the P. O. S. of A.

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**E**DGAR & HUNT are the present proprietors of the Crystal Springs Distillery, an old establishment well-known throughout the state for the excellent pure rye whiskies which are distilled there. Edgar & Hunt (Alfred H. Edgar, George B. Hunt) succeeded the firm of Edgar & Beishline (Alfred H. Edgar, Clem G. Beishline); the latter firm purchased the plant January 1, 1898, and set out to sustain the reputation es-



tablished by the former owner, B. Frank Edgar, father of Alfred H. The partnership of Edgar & Beishline was terminated by the death of the junior member of the firm, Mr. Beishline, on November 13, 1898. Mr. Edgar then admitted George B. Hunt as partner, and the business has since been conducted under the firm name of Edgar & Hunt.

Alfred H. Edgar, who is one of the best distillers of the state, was born in Fishing Creek township, November 11, 1870, and is a son of B. Frank and Susan (Hartman) Edgar.

The Edgar family is of Scotch origin, and James Edgar, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of the state of New York, but at an early day moved to Benton, Benton township, Columbia County, Pa. After a time he moved to Fishing Creek township, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The later years of his life were spent as a resident of the state of Ohio, where he passed to his eternal resting place. His wife's maiden name was Buchanan, and she was descended from the same ancestors as was President Buchanan; their union resulted in the following offspring: John married Hester Zimmerman and lived in Indiana, where he died; Robert married Susanna McHenry, and died in Fishing Creek township; Martha married Moses McHenry, and lived in Fishing Creek township; Ellen married Elias McHenry; Elizabeth became the wife of John Jackson of Indiana; Edward was a resident of Ohio; Christina married Silas McHenry, and died in Ohio; and James, the youngest, who was the grandfather of our subject.

James Edgar was born August 22, 1806, and early in life was a farmer and lumberman of Benton township, but subsequently sold his property there and moved to Fishing Creek township, where he followed the same occupation and became a prominent man. He was

deeply interested in public affairs and for several years served as constable. In 1828 he was joined in wedlock with Sarah McHenry, a daughter of Daniel McHenry, whose father was the well-known pioneer of that name. She was born April 28, 1810, and was called to her home in the unknown beyond in Fishing Creek township, September 10, 1882. To their union were born nine sons and one daughter, as follows: Daniel married Louisa Stokes, and resided in New Columbus, Luzerne County, where he died October 23, 1890; Robert died February 25, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years; Emanuel, deceased, married Martha McHenry, and was a stonemason and plasterer by trade; George W., a farmer and stock raiser of Clay County, Neb., married Nellie Smith of Pittston, Pa.; William E., a late farmer and stockraiser of Fishing Creek township; Hiram R., a stockraiser of Loup County, Neb.; James C., who married Rosa Smith, a sister of Nellie Smith, named above; Thomas Hardy, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; and B. Frank, the father of our subject.

B. Frank Edgar was born in Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, September 9, 1836, and remained at home with his parents until he was eighteen years of age, when he learned the trade of a carpenter. This he followed for a period of twenty years, when he learned the trade of a distiller, and embarked in that business at Van Camp, Fishing Creek township, establishing the business which is now conducted by his son. He operated it successfully until 1894, when he moved the plant to Crystal Springs owing to the excellent facilities there for carrying on the business. Crystal Springs is a never-failing stream of as pure and good water as can be found in Columbia County. Mr. Edgar accumulated money rapidly and purchased considerable



real estate, owning at one time three large farms, two of which he disposed of prior to his death. He was a man of strict integrity and fine business qualifications, and conducted his business up to the 1st of January, 1898, when he disposed of the establishment to his son, Alfred H., and Clem G. Beishline. He retired from business life and lived in peace with himself and the rest of the world until his death, which occurred April 22, 1898. Politically, he was a stanch Democrat and held many of the township offices, serving as county commissioner for six years. He formed a marital union with Susan Hartman, a daughter of Solomon Hartman, and the following children blessed their union: Warren, who is bookkeeper for his uncle, Thomas Hardy Edgar; Dora B., the wife of A. B. McHenry, a merchant of Stillwater, Pa.; Charles M., a late farmer of Fishing Creek; Hattie M., the wife of George B. Hunt, who is junior member of Edgar & Hunt; Alfred H., whose name heads these lines; and Thomas E., who died at an early age. After the demise of his wife Mr. Edgar formed a second alliance with Martha Golder, by whom he had four children: Herald; Alma; Madge; and Olive. Prior to his death he moved to the town of Bloomsburg, where his wife and family still reside.

Alfred H. Edgar was reared on the farm and obtained an intellectual training in the public schools, after which he learned the trade of a distiller, serving in that capacity for his father up to the latter's death. He then became the senior member of the firm of Edgar & Beishline, and it is mainly due to his expertness as a distiller that his pure and well-flavored whiskies find a ready sale on the market and rank with the best in the state. They manufacture a pure rye, sweet-mash, copper-distilled whisky, to which is bestowed much labor, care and personal attention. It is kept

until fully matured, and at the present time they have on hand 6,000 gallons ranging in age from two to five years. Mr. Edgar is equally as popular in private circles as in business, and has a large number of friends in the community, where he has always resided. June 30, 1896, he was united in matrimonial bonds with Anna R. Savage, a daughter of David Savage of Bloomsburg, by whom he has one daughter, Clara Savage.

Clem G. Beishline, who was junior member of the firm of Edgar & Beishline, and a man of excellent business propensities, was a son of John W. and Sarah E. (Hess) Beishline, and was born in Benton township, September 29, 1869.

His great-grandfather was Michael Beishline, who was born in Germany, and in the early part of the eighteenth century located in America. He settled in Butler township, Luzerne County, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. His son, John B. Beishline, was also one of the leading agriculturists of that section, but the later years of his life were spent in Benton township, Columbia County, where John W., our subject's father, was born, February 15, 1840. In early life John W. Beishline followed teaching in connection with farming, but later learned the trade of a carpenter. He was quite proficient at that occupation and became an extensive contractor and builder, doing work throughout the county. His career came to a sudden end while working upon the residence of Capt. C. G. Jackson of Berwick, August 14, 1878, at the early age of thirty-eight years. He was a soldier of the Civil War, first enlisting as a musician, but after the expiration of his term again enlisted as a lieutenant. When he left the service he was captain of Company A, 74th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. Politically, he was a Democrat, whilst in religious belief he was

a member of the Reformed Church. Socially, he belonged to the I. O. O. F. He was united in marriage with Sarah Hess, a daughter of Benjamin Hess, a farmer of Fishing Creek township, and they reared one son, Clem G. Mrs. Beishline is now residing at Pond Hill, Luzerne County.

Clem G. Beishline received a good English education in the public schools and at New Columbus Academy, and after arriving at maturity was engaged in several different lines of work until he formed a partnership with Mr. Edgar and operated the Crystal Springs Distillery. Socially, he was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge and the Patriotic Order Sons of America of Berwick. On January 25, 1893, he was united in marriage with Laura McMichaels, a daughter of James McMichaels of Berwick, and one daughter was born to them, Virginia.



MRS. PHOEBE E. MAGARGEL, who, until January 2, 1899, was proprietor of one of the most popular public houses in the southern part of Sullivan County, is the widow of the late Thomas S. Magargel, who was born in the city of Philadelphia and who was a son of Britten and Ann (Schuster) Magargel.

Britten Magargel was of Scotch descent and settled in Lairdsville, Pa., during his later years, where he conducted a mercantile store and later engaged in general farming.

Thomas S. Magargel possessed a fine education and his boyhood days were spent assisting his father in running the store and later aided him in the labors about the farm. After his marriage he settled in Sonestown, where he rented the old Taylor Hotel, and through

his successful management of the same accumulated enough money to purchase the property, and, in 1886, he erected a three and one-half story hotel of 17 rooms; the rooms were large, comfortable and well furnished, and Mr. Magargel gave the business the closest supervision and no expense or trouble was spared to make the hotel service perfect, even to the smallest detail. That these efforts were not lost on those accepting of his hospitality was evidenced by the fact that once guests they were always guests when business afterwards called them to that locality. He was very popular with the transients, and aided by his loving wife did all in his power to make it as homelike as possible. The demise of Mr. Magargel, which occurred in the year 1889, was greatly lamented by a host of friends, who recognized him as a man of sterling worth and strict integrity. He was an upright citizen, highly esteemed in his community, and exerted his influence in the promotion of its best interests.

Mr. Magargel chose for his life companion Phoebe E. Houseknecht, who has proved herself a kind and loving wife, and much of the success of her husband was due to the part she had taken in the management of the hotel. She is a daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Sones) Houseknecht, and her father was born in Lycoming County and was a son of John Houseknecht who was a farmer and who died aged eighty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Houseknecht were the parents of the following children: John; Julian; Peter; Betsey; Jacob; Benjamin; Daniel; Charles; Mary Jane; Issachar; and Phoebe E., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Magargel conducted the hotel after her husband's death until January 2, 1899, and has won the highest respect of the traveling public as a landlady; the hotel, as operated by her, was by all odds the best in

its section of the county, was well furnished, and the meals served by this establishment also added greatly to its popularity with the traveling public.

Mr. Magargel was a solid Democrat in politics, and served as commissioner and as constable; fraternally he was a member and past grand of the I. O. O. F. Mr. and Mrs. Magargel reared the following children: Harry, a farmer by trade, was married to Belle Ray by whom he reared four children,—Brewnard, Schuster, Emerson, and Wort; Ella May is the wife of Lincoln Sheets; Clara is the wife of Charles Starr, and two children blessed their home,—Celia and Frank, the latter deceased; Jacob B. is a prominent merchant of Sonestown; Frank, a merchant of Muncy Valley, Pa., was wedded to Cora Crawley; Ralph is living at home; and Maude, deceased.

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**C**HARLES KRUG, one of the oldest contractors and builders residing in the town of Bloomsburg, by his reliable work and straightforward methods of doing business has attracted to him hosts of friends and patrons. He was born in Penn township, Berks County, Pa., November 11, 1844, and is a son of Adam and Annie E. (Isenhardt) Krug.

Adam Krug, the father of our subject, was a native of Germany, and while in that country learned the trade of a tanner. Immigrating to the United States, he located in Penn township, Berks County, and again took up his former trade. Later he moved to Lycoming County and purchased a tract of land and engaged in the cultivation of the soil; he retired to Union County, where he spent his remaining days.

Our subject acquired a liberal education in the common schools of his native town and during his boyhood days learned the carpenter's trade; at the age of twenty years he moved to Bloomsburg and followed his trade as a journeyman until 1871, when he engaged in building and contracting, which business he has continued to the present time. He has erected some of the handsomest dwellings and business blocks in Bloomsburg, and the State Normal School and the court-house, which were erected by him, demonstrate the excellency of his workmanship. He also owned and operated a planing-mill until it was destroyed by fire. In 1897 our subject built his present home on East Third street, which is a handsome brick structure. Mr. Krug is an industrious and energetic man, a good citizen, and is held in high esteem.

Mr. Krug is the parent of seventeen children, all of whom are living, and bid fair to follow in the footsteps of their excellent parents and become important members of the communities in which they reside. His first wife was Frances Ann, a daughter of John Yeager of Roaring Creek township, and she entered the world of rest at the age of thirty-six years. As a result of this union the following children were born: Laura A., the wife of Henry C. Jones; Willet, a foreman in the lumber mills of Bloomsburg; Elwell, foreman for W. A. Shepard & Sons of Wilkestown; Cora, united in marriage to Harry Beishline; Annie; and William, Morris, Arthur, John and Paul, all carpenters by trade, who reside in Bloomsburg. Our subject's second marriage was to Mary M. Fredrick, a daughter of Samuel Fredrick, a resident of Catawissa, and a family of seven children has blessed this union: Sarah; Julia; Helen; Charles H.; Margaret; George; and Grace.







RUSSELL C. BUCKALEW.

RUSSELL C. BUCKALEW, whose portrait we show on the opposite page, is the well-known proprietor of one of the favorite livery stables of the town of Bloomsburg, and by fair-and-square dealings has become well and widely known throughout the town and county. He was born in Cambria, Luzerne County, Pa., July 9, 1836, and is a son of John and Rachel (Creveling) Buckalew, grandson of James Buckalew, and great-grandson of John Buckalew.

John Buckalew was a descendant of Francis Buccleuchs, who traced the name back to the time when Queen Mary of Scotland left her native country for France. Francis and Gilbert, who were his brothers, immigrated to America and located on Long Island, which was then in the possession of the Dutch. Their name Boileau, and Francis spelling his, Buckalew. Francis later moved to South Amboy, N. J., where he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the advanced age of one hundred and ten years. He had a son, Samuel, who died aged ninety-six years; Samuel was the progenitor of one son, John, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was born in October, 1754. He was a millwright and miller by trade and followed those occupations in Muncy, Pa., for several years. In 1873 he was joined in marriage to Mary McKenney, who was born in 1754. In 1776, under the Franklin Central Committee of Philadelphia, he was appointed one of the committee of safety for Turbot township, Northumberland County, and in 1778 he was obliged to leave that county on account of trouble with the Indians. He accordingly moved to Maryland and rented a mill at Rock Run, which he operated until the close of the Revolutionary War, when he returned to Northumberland County and settled on Chillisque Creek. He passed his

remaining days there, dying July 3, 1833; his wife passed from this life November 25, 1829. They were the parents of five sons and seven daughters, one of whom was James, the grandfather of our subject.

James Buckalew was one of the pioneer settlers of Cambria, Luzerne County, Pa.; he built a hotel and store and conducted them for many years. His hotel was destroyed by fire. In company with Mr. Stephens, James Buckalew built a section of the Shickshinny Canal. He was one of the prosperous business men of his community and at one time owned nearly all the land where the town of Cambria is now located. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Catherine Jones and they reared the following children: John, Elmira, Evans, Sally Ann, Mary, Eli, Elizabeth, and Harriet. Mr. Buckalew entered the world of rest at the age of eighty years.

John Buckalew, the father of our subject, was reared in Cambria and when he grew to manhood took charge of his father's store and conducted it for several years. Later he engaged in the cultivation of the soil and was the owner of a fine farm in Fairmount township. He was joined in wedlock to Rachel Creveling, a daughter of Samuel Creveling, and the following children were reared: Russell C., the subject of this sketch; Amos, deceased; Sheridan, a farmer; Sarah C., the wife of John Robinson, a resident of White Haven, Pa.; Evans, who resides in Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Eli, deceased, who was a veteran of the Rebellion; Samuel S., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead; Mary R.; and James M., who also resides on the old homestead. Mr. Buckalew died aged seventy years. The mother of our subject died aged sixty-four years.

Russell C. Buckalew was reared on the farm and remained under the parental roof until

1861, when he answered President Lincoln's call for more troops to put down the Rebellion, and enlisted in Company F, 7th Reg., Pa. Reserves. He was mustered out in 1864, after serving three years and three days; the principal battles in which our subject participated were: the seven-days' engagement which occurred between Manassas and Washington, D. C., August 26.—September 1, 1861, in which the battles of Second Bull Run and Chantilly were fought; Harper's Ferry; South Mountain; and Antietam. He returned home in 1871, engaged in business and became shipping clerk for Dufais & Walter, the largest cotton brokers in New York City. He served as cotton sampler, being licensed by the New York Cotton Exchange, and held that responsible position until October 1, 1879, when he removed to Bloomsburg and, with his brother Amos, purchased the Ricewick livery stables. He has since become sole proprietor of the stables and keeps a fine assortment of horses and carriages, and has both night and day service for the accommodation of his numerous patrons. His business is conducted in a thoroughly systematic manner and Mr. Buckalew is very popular with those who have an occasion to deal with him. He also runs a bus line to the D., L. & W. and Reading depots.

Our subject was joined in Hymen's bonds, January 28, 1880, to Mary E. Gager, a daughter of Andrew Gager of New York City, and three children have blessed their happy home: Louis Walter; Lillian Barton; and Raymond Gager. Mr. Buckalew is a member of the G. A. R. and the U. V. L. Our subject has been very successful in his business career. He has one of the best conducted stables in the town, he is obliging and courteous, and his business is rapidly increasing.

**M**ISS MARGARET McCORMICK HULL, one of Milton's most estimable ladies, is a descendant of one of the early settlers of Northumberland County. She was born in Washingtonville, Montour County, and is a daughter of the late and greatly esteemed Dr. Thomas R. Hull, who was born near Milton, in Turbot township, February 19, 1815. Her grandfather, William Hull, one of the early settlers of Turbot township, Northumberland County, Pa., was born in Sussex County, N. J., July 17, 1771.

William Hull was a direct descendant of Benjamin Hull, whom tradition says was a Frenchman, who came to America and settled in Massachusetts in 1640. Later he went to Sussex County, N. J., being among the earliest settlers of that county. His son, Benjamin, lived near Newton, Hampton township, Sussex County, N. J., for many years on the farm his father settled; this estate was known later as the Bale farm. Benjamin's son, John, settled in Wallpack township, Sussex County, N. J., when his son Benjamin was ten years old.

Benjamin Hull, son of the Benjamin named above, resided in Sussex County, N. J., near Newton, and there married Anna Duer. There they continued to live, and to them were born the following children: Charity (Jones); Nancy (Bell); Sarah (Kays); Mary (Morris); Rhoda (Ryerson); Elizabeth (Ryerson); Martha (Young); Ruth (Hopkins); John, who married Margaret Lantz; Benjamin, who married Elizabeth Case; Phoebe (Warfesse); William, our subject's grandfather; and Dorcas (Price).

William Hull, the grandfather of our subject, settled in Northumberland County, Pa., before 1800, where he married on January 12, 1797, Hannah Marr, a daughter of Joseph



Marr. She was born March 23, 1777, and died February 10, 1858, surviving her husband thirty years. They were the parents of fourteen children, but only nine of these grew to maturity. The names of the nine were: Susan, who married Samuel McCarthy; Elizabeth; Jesse; David; Alem; William P.; Thomas R., our subject's father; Sarah A., who married J. H. Brown; and Hannah, who married Robert M. Slater. Mr. Hull lived near Milton with his large family on a farm now owned by Mr. Grosh, and the buildings standing to-day are monuments of his energy and industry, and the fine estate which he left is an indication of his financial success.

Dr. Thomas R. Hull, our subject's father, was reared on a farm and attended the Milton Academy. Choosing the profession of medicine, he became a student under the instruction of Drs. James S. Dougal and William McCleery, and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1838. As Washingtonville, Montour County, was a flourishing borough and near the place of his nativity, he chose that place in which to begin his professional career. Being thoroughly prepared for his life work, and with abilities beyond the average, he soon established a reputation second to none in the surrounding country, and his practice extended for many miles in every direction. The arduous life of a physician, who has a large practice, sooner or later brings exhaustion, and this exhaustion Dr. Hull began to feel in 1861, when he sold his practice and removed to Milton with the intention of retiring; but, as his services were eagerly sought, he would never refuse a call of distress so long as he lived. He was a true man. His generous, kind and affectionate nature won for him many friends, who deeply felt the loss of his valuable life when he was taken from their midst. During his later years he

was financially interested with his son, William Hull, of Milton, in the coal and grain business. Dr. Hull was married, February 23, 1843, to Elizabeth McCormick, who survived her husband several years. They were the parents of six children, the eldest being our subject, Margaret McCormick, the others being as follows: William, now living in Philadelphia; Alem P. is a physician practicing in Montgomery County; Thomas R., of Milton; Harry B., an attorney of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Elmer S., a physician who married Mary E. Weimer, by whom he has three children,—Elmer E., Alem P., and Edwin Weimer.

Miss Margaret McCormick Hull lives at Milton in the residence purchased by her father, Dr. Hull. It was the Hayes property and was formerly called the McCurly Hotel, which, after being enlarged and improved, makes a home worthy of the highly respected subject of this sketch.

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**E**DWIN C. CASWELL, the senior member of E. C. Caswell & Company, one of the largest industries of the vicinity of Bloomsburg, is a son of Whipple and Olive Houghton (Blackmar) Caswell, and was born in the town of Thompson, Windham County, Conn., July 16, 1838.

Whipple Caswell was born in Douglas, Mass., in 1808, and during his younger days followed farming there. In 1852 he located at Burrillville, R. I., where he followed farming for some time, but spent the latter years of his life in retirement. He was united in marriage to Olive Houghton Blackmar, who was born in Abington, Conn., in 1812. They reared the following children: Alonzo W., of Worcester, Mass.; S. Alphon-



so, who was born in Douglas, Mass., March 8, 1836, and at twelve years of age entered an apprenticeship in the cotton mills at Southbridge, Mass. At nineteen years of age he became overseer in the woolen mills at Burrillville, R. I., and in 1874 entered into partnership with our subject and George and William Youngman. They leased the Nippenose Mills at Antes Fort, Lycoming County, Pa., and ran them for eight years. Alphonso and Edwin C. Caswell then established the Bloomsburg Woolen Mills. They took in their brother, Marcus, who died one year later. Alphonso continued with the firm until his death, July 6, 1887; the remainder of the family were: Edwin C., the subject of this personal history; Whipple, Jr., of Adams, Mass., who died in January, 1898; Jerome, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Osborne, of Dayville, Conn.; Everett, deceased; Marcus, deceased, who left a wife, Mary (Antes), and a son, Carlton A., who has charge of the second floor of our subject's plant; and Emma, who lives with her brother. Carlton A., a son of Marcus and Mary (Antes) Caswell, after graduating from the Bloomsburg High School attended the Textile School of Philadelphia, graduating at the head of his class and winning first prize, a gold medal, for the general excellency of his work. He later took a thorough course in Palm's Business College of Philadelphia, graduating in December, 1897, and has since had charge of the weaving and designing department for E. C. Caswell & Company. Mr. Whipple Caswell, the father of our subject, was called to his final resting place at the age of eighty-two years, his wife having preceded him many years, dying at the age of sixty-nine.

Edwin C. Caswell attended the common schools until he was nine years of age, when he received his first instructions in the cotton

mills at Woodstock, Conn., as a mule boy. At the age of fourteen years he began work in the woolen mills of Burrillville, R. I., where he learned the art of weaving fancy cassimeres and later became designer, in the meantime attending school at intervals until he was sixteen years old. He followed his trade in Massachusetts and Rhode Island until 1868 when he accepted a position as boss weaver and designer at Johnstown, Pa., being the most skillful workman in that line in the state. He again returned to Massachusetts where he held several prominent positions until 1874, when he and his brother formed a partnership and established a factory at Antes Fort, Pa., continuing until 1882 when they moved to Bloomsburgh and established the plant of which Mr. Caswell is at the head. They erected a structure, 54 by 124 feet, three stories high, with a boiler and engine-room 26 by 36 feet, at a cost of \$15,000. The mill was fitted with the latest machinery for the manufacture of fancy dress goods, at a cost of \$30,000. Forty skilled laborers are employed the year round, and XX merino wool is all that is used. After the death of our subject's brother, the present firm of E. C. Caswell & Co. was organized, E. C. Caswell and J. M. Staver, being the members. There are three sets of cards, 1,260 spindles, and fourteen looms. September 30, 1896, at 1 a. m., the third floor of the building was carried away by a tornado, completely destroying the machinery and causing a loss of \$8,000. Ten days previously 1,000 of the window lights had been broken by a hail storm, but in spite of all misfortune, only two months' work were lost. The business is now in a prosperous condition. The mill employs sixty hands. In 1888 the firm began to manufacture all-wool cassimeres which are shipped directly to their wholesale house in New York City, from whence they

are shipped to all points in the United States.

Mr. Caswell resides in a beautiful residence at the corner of West and Fifth streets, which he built a short time ago. Socially he was a Mason while in Massachusetts, and is now a member of La Belle Valley Lodge No. 232, F. & A. M. of Jersey Shore, Pa.

**S**AMUEL JASON PEALER, a civil engineer and surveyor of good repute, who resides at Asbury, Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, Pa., is a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served with great credit to himself and to his family, who justly look at his record with pride. He is a man of tried business ability, and stands high in his community. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Sheidy) Pealer, and was born January 18, 1833. Our subject is of English and German descent, and the family name was originally spelled in two ways, Peale and Beale, but later it was altered to Pealer and Bealer.

Paul Pealer, the grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Berks County and a soldier of the Revolutionary War, serving in the Continental Army until the close of that struggle. He then returned to his home in Berks County, where he lived until his demise.

Samuel Pealer, the father of our subject, was born in Reading, Pa., in 1787, and early in life settled in Columbia County, where he bought a large tract of land. Having previously learned the trade of a millwright, he erected a mill on his property, which was located near Jonestown, and there followed that line of work in connection with farming for many years. Several years prior to his death he leased his farm to his eldest son and then purchased a small property in Fishing Creek township, where his wife died. While mak-

ing a visit to his daughter in Iowa he passed away, in 1854, at the age of sixty-eight years. In politics he was originally a Democrat, then a supporter of Henry Clay and the Whig party, and finally a Republican. He was joined in marriage to Mary Sheidy of Luzerne County, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Paul, Peter, David, Levi, George, Mary, Catherine, Barbara, Elizabeth, Sevilla, Margaret, and Samuel Jason, the subject of this review. Paul Pealer had four sons, as follows: Isaac K., who enlisted in 1861 in the 1st N. Y. Dragoons, and was killed instantly by a bullet which struck him in the forehead at the battle of Cold Harbor; S. L., who also served in the 1st N. Y. Dragoons and was shot in the head at Winchester; Frank A., who was in Company E, 209th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and was wounded in the thigh at Bermuda Hundred; and S. F., who was orderly sergeant of Company A, 198th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf. Peter, second son of Samuel and Mary Pealer, was a resident of Fishing Creek township. His son, Oscar, served in Company F, 209th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and was taken prisoner at Bermuda Hundred, dying of starvation and inhuman treatment in Salisbury Prison, N. C. David, third son of Samuel and Mary Pealer, who resides at Wyoming, Iowa, was mustered into service July 22, 1861, by Maj. Wood at Lafayette, Ind., in Company E, 20th Reg., Ind. Vol. Inf., and participated in the following battles: Flood Hatter's Inlet, November 2, 1861; the engagement between the Monitor and Merrimac, March 8th and 9th, 1862; the Seven Days' battle before Richmond, near Fair Oaks, Va., June 19, 1862; Glendale, June 30, 1862; Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862; Second Battle of Bull Run, August 29 and 30, 1862; Chantilly, September, 1862; Fredericksburg, December 11, 12 and 13, 1862; Cedars, May 12, 1863; Gettysburg,

July 2, 3, and 4, 1863; and he then served in the same regiment with the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war, coming out at the end with but three slight wounds, which he received during his entire service. He served with that division of the army from the battle of Petersburg to the surrender of Lee's Army, and was mustered out at Arlington Heights in 1865. Levi, fourth son of Samuel, lives in Fishing Creek township. George died young. Mary, the widow of Jacob Bender, resides in Iowa. Catherine is the wife of Robert McCalmount, and resides in Iowa. Barbara died in Iowa. Elizabeth is the wife of John Beishline of Fishing Creek township. Sevilla died unmarried. Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Peter Eveland of Fishing Creek township.

Samuel J. Pealer was reared on his father's farm and lived with his parents until his father's death in 1845, when he moved to Asbury and lived with his sister Margaret. He received his education in the common schools of Fishing Creek township, at New Columbus Academy, and also took a special course in higher mathematics under the private tutorship of Prof. A. L. Johnson of Lancaster, Pa. At the age of sixteen years he became a teacher, continuing as such for two years, when he took up field work under William Buckalew.

For three years our subject was employed on government work in Minnesota, and on July 1, 1863, he was commissioned second lieutenant of a company of emergency men under Capt. R. F. Clark. He also did special work at the time of the Rebel invasion in 1864 for Maj.-Gen. Cadwallader and Maj.-Gen. Couch, also under the orders of Gen. Albright. He later enlisted in Company E, 209th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and was shortly after detailed as recruiting officer, with the

rank of second lieutenant, serving also as judge-advocate. He recruited three companies and was appointed captain of Company A, 74th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., which he joined at Green Spring Run, Va. He was a man of great popularity in his regiment and was subsequently chosen major, receiving twenty-four out of a possible twenty-seven votes, and held that rank until the close of the war. Upon returning to his home at Asbury Mr. Pealer taught school and, in addition, engaged as a surveyor and civil engineer, the latter of which has been his occupation up to the present day. He was for a time employed by the Pennsylvania Coal Company and has also done the chief work and engineering for the Salem Coal Company. Since 1895 he has been largely engaged in surveying about 80,000 acres of land in West Virginia, in Pocahontas and Randolph counties. His efforts have been attended by good results and he stands among the first business men of Asbury. He is a man of honor and integrity and is highly esteemed by all.

On January 18, 1862, our subject was united in marriage with Samantha C. Coleman, a daughter of Cornelius Coleman of Asbury, who was born March 19, 1838, and they are the parents of eight children: Alice M., the wife of Ezra A. Chapman, a resident of Huntington, Luzerne County; Lizzie C., the wife of George Vanliew; Stewart, who died in infancy; Woodin; Ella Eva; Robert Samuel; Charles Revere; and Blanche Florence S. Mr. Pealer is a Republican in politics and actively supports the principles of his party. Socially he is a member of Mountain Lodge, No. 264, I. O. O. F., of Orangeville, Pa. In religious attachments both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Asbury, and he is recording steward of the Orangeville charge. For eight



years he was superintendent of the Sunday School and at the present time is assistant superintendent.

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**H**ENRY BROWN, an intelligent and prosperous farmer of Forks township, Sullivan County, Pa., is a man of great industry who has attained success through his own individual efforts. He is a son of John and Ann Brown, and was born in Forks township, July 22, 1844, on the family homestead on Loyalsock Creek.

John Brown, the father of our subject, came from England in the early 40's and took up a large tract of land in the valley of the Loyalsock. There he fought the battles of the pioneer with nature and fortune and succeeded in wresting from the shadowy wilderness many acres of rich land. Shortly after locating in Forks township he built a log house and barn, both of which were replaced by frame buildings in or about 1860, which were swept away by the largest and most disastrous flood ever known on the creek. Undaunted by this loss, however, John Brown again erected a house and barn. He dealt extensively in lumber, doing a very large custom business. He died in 1854, his wife having passed away many years previous. Their children were: Charles, deceased; Mary Ann, deceased; and Henry, our subject. Mr. Brown was a Democrat in politics and in his religious views he was inclined to be liberal.

Henry Brown was reared and educated in Forks township, taking advantage of all opportunities which enabled him to better himself intellectually. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits on his present place and being most industrious and painstaking he has been successful. He owns a tract of forty acres of the levellest land in Sulli-

van County, his farm being part of his father's original purchase. Mr. Brown has never left the ranks of single-blessedness, but is content to till his fields and enjoy the tranquillity of rural life alone. His household affairs are looked after by the wife of his deceased brother, Charles, whose maiden name was Mary Sherman and who resided in Overton before her marriage. Politically Mr. Brown is an unswerving supporter of the Democratic party. He is a man of great popularity among his neighbors and has many friends.

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**W**ILLIAM E. KEARNEY, dealer in real estate in Shamokin and Coal townships, and justice of the peace of Shamokin, has led a remarkably busy life and is a self-made man. He was born January 11, 1859, in Trevorton, Northumberland County, Pa., and was educated in the public schools of Shamokin. While a youth he began his career, as many of his companions did, by working at the breaker as a slate-picker. He followed that and other occupations in and about the mines until he reached manhood, when he engaged in mining, working as a miner for a period of two years. Although mining was a useful and remunerative occupation it did not altogether suit our subject's fancy, and, as he also wished to see something of the world, in August, 1881, he went to New York City to seek employment more suited to his tastes. Soon after his arrival in New York he apprenticed himself to learn the barber's trade, discovering in a very short time that he had much natural talent in that direction, and during his two years' stay in New York he not only mastered the tonorial art but also learned the associate art of hair dressing and manufacturing hair jewelry,



wigs, etc. After becoming thoroughly proficient he returned to his native county and started in business for himself at Shamokin, where he now has a large hair-dressing establishment, manufacturing wigs and all kinds of hair jewelry, including such articles as ladies' and gentlemen's watchguards, breastpins, bracelets, finger rings, earrings, and various other kinds of ornaments, together with hair flowers, wreaths, crosses, and many other beautiful designs in hair work. Mr. Kearney is truly master of this art and takes especial pride in this branch of his business, conscientiously filling all orders entrusted to him with such fine workmanship that his ability is easily recognized. He has found this business to be not only a pleasure to him but very profitable, as one may judge by the large amount of real estate which he owns in the town of Shamokin and Coal township. In the fall of 1898 he accepted the contract from Shamokin borough to pave its principal thoroughfare, Independence street, with Mack paving blocks, the amount involved approximating \$20,000.

In March, 1889, our subject, with his brother, M. A. Kearney, and W. E. Deibert organized the Shamokin Lock & Novelty Manufacturing Company.

Since his election as justice of the peace in 1890 and his subsequent re-elections to the same office, our subject has dealt largely in real estate, buying and selling not only for others but for his own profit, thus acquiring valuable realty interests both in town and country property. Mr. Kearney is a true Democrat of the Jacksonian type and takes an active interest in all the local, state, and national conventions held by his party. He was delegate to the convention that nominated Jenks for governor of Pennsylvania, and one of the alternates to the convention which

nominated Polk for Congress against H. E. Davis, another prominent candidate for nomination.

Patrick Kearney, grandfather of our subject, was a native of County Mayo, Ireland. Mathew Kearney, son of Patrick Kearney and father of our subject, was also born in Ireland, whence he emigrated to America, May 2, 1847, accompanied by his mother, wife and three sisters. He first located in Clintonville, Mass., but shortly afterward moved to the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania, first locating in Luzerne County, then Carbon County, then, in 1850, at Trevorton, Northumberland County, and finally in 1865 he located permanently in Shamokin. He was a miner and contractor,—driving tunnels in connection with the mining of coal. He had the reputation of being an expert, and drove many of the large tunnels in the early development of the coal industry about Shamokin. Politically he was a Democrat and was tax collector of the borough of Shamokin at the time of his death, which occurred October 31, 1870. His widow, Ann (Devitt) Kearney, survived him for nearly nineteen years, passing from life to eternal rest March 25, 1889. They were the parents of eleven children, the following six of whom are still living: Mathew A., who owns a modern hotel in Shamokin and receives a liberal share of public patronage; William E., the subject of this sketch; Daniel, a skilled detective on the Chicago police force where he has served for twelve years; Annie, now the beloved wife of J. F. McLaughlin of Pottsville, Pa.; James J., a successful attorney-at-law at Shamokin; Bridget, an accomplished young lady of Pottsville, Pa.

On April 28, 1892, our subject was united in marriage with Margaret Sweeney, a charming and accomplished young lady, and their

home is made happy by the presence of three children: Mathew Wilfred A.; Daniel Webster; and Mary Margaret Adela.

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**M**ATTHEW TAYLOR. The Taylor family is classed among the pioneer families of Sullivan County, Pa., and its members have contributed their full share toward the county's prosperity and development. The gentleman whose biography we write, and whose portrait is presented on a preceding page, is a representative of this prosperous and energetic family and was born in Shrewsbury township, November 12, 1833; his parents were James and Delia (Edkin) Taylor and his grandfather, Robert Taylor.

Robert Taylor was the first of this prominent family to settle in Sullivan County, having located there in 1803; he formerly resided at Warrior Run, Northumberland County, Pa., and was a life-long farmer. His wife was Elizabeth Mayes.

James Taylor, father of our subject, was also born in Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, and resided there all his life. He carried on farming in Shrewsbury and Davidson townships and also owned a saw-mill and was one of the prosperous lumbermen of his community. He departed from this life August 31, 1870. His wife, Delia Edkin, was also a native of Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, and they were the parents of a family of five children, namely: Matthew; Alfred, deceased; Katie, who is the wife of James Stroup, whose biography may be found elsewhere in this book; Sarah Jane, who died aged twelve years; and Margaret Jane, who died aged eighteen years.

Matthew Taylor was educated in the district

schools of Shrewsbury township and reared to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm. He has always followed farming in Shrewsbury township and in March, 1870, he took charge of his present fine farm which consists of 174 acres. He is regarded as one of the most progressive and industrious farmers of Sullivan County. Our subject is ably assisted in carrying on the farm by his son George.

Mr. Taylor and Sarah Ann Richarts were united in matrimonial bonds September 10, 1862. She was born in Davidson township, Sullivan County, November 27, 1844, and is a daughter of David and Louisa (Weaver) Richarts, both now deceased; her father was a stonemason and shoemaker by trade. A family of six children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, namely: Laura I., who wedded Lloyd V. Buckholder, a wagonmaker of Muncy Valley, Pa., and they are the parents of eight children,—Dora May, Lulu Maria, Eveline, Josie Alice, Charles Matthew, Sarah Helen, Jessie Lillian, and Dorothy; James; Margaret J., wife of Delanson Poust, a farmer near Hughesville, Lycoming County, Pa., and four children have blessed their home,—Elwell, Seeley Jane, Garrett Lindsay, and Clarence; George S., born October 8, 1867, married Eleanor Craft, born November 5, 1874, and Charles Leroy and Sarah Ethel have been born to them, the latter dying December 17, 1898; Anna, who married Samuel Suckles, a farmer of Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, and they have three children,—Myrtle, Hurley Raymond, and Arthur Jennings; and Clyde W., a farmer of Hughesville, Pa., who married Martha J. Kahler. Politically Mr. Taylor is a Democrat and for the past four years has served as tax-collector of Shrewsbury township. Religiously he favors the Baptist Church. The Taylor family always has been well known and esteemed for

honesty of purpose and high moral principles, which traits of character have been transmitted to its descendants, of whom Matthew Taylor is one of the most honored.

ELIAS SWARTZ MILLER, superintendent of the Danville Water Works, which is one of Danville's latest and most successful improvements, is recognized as one of the valued residents of that borough, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. He was born in Danville borough, November 11, 1844, and is a son of William G. and Martha (Walker) Miller, and a grandson of George Miller.

George Miller, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Lancaster County, Pa. His father, whose name is unknown to the present generation, located in that county at an early date, being the first sheriff of the county. George Miller learned the trade of a gunsmith; he purchased a residence and shop where the opera-house now stands, and there followed his chosen occupation until his death in 1842, at the age of sixty-five years. He was united in marriage with Sarah B. Myers, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: John, Elizabeth, William G., Margaret, Levi, Mary, George, Julia Ann, and Jacob H. The grandmother of our subject passed from this life at the age of eighty-five years.

William G. Miller, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster, Pa., and his boyhood days were spent in his father's gunshop, where he learned the trade of a gunsmith, which occupation he followed in Danville all his life. He built a neat little home, which is now the home of Mrs. Rebecca Hess. Mr. Miller was wedded to Martha Walker, a daughter of Robert Walker and a native of County Derry,

Ireland. As a result of this union the following children were born, ten of whom are now living: Sarah B.; Robert C.; William H.; Joseph W.; Elias Swartz, our subject; Mary Jane; Luther, deceased; James S.; Maria B.; Martha A.; Isabella B.; and Emma. Mr. Miller departed from this life in 1882, aged seventy-three years and six months; his wife died at the age of seventy-seven years.

Elias Swartz Miller acquired a good education in the public schools and then worked in the gun-shop owned by his father until his eyes failed him. He then worked at various jobs until the water works was established in 1873 when he was appointed assistant superintendent. In 1883 he was appointed superintendent, which position he held until 1889, when he began to work as a mechanic in the nail mills of that town. In 1891 he returned to his former position as superintendent of the water works and has since filled that responsible position to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers and the citizens of Danville. Up to 1872 Danville had only wells and springs with which to supply water, but in that year a committee composed of the following gentlemen was appointed to thoroughly investigate various water-supply systems: George W. Wray, J. W. Sweisfort, William Buckley, and M. D. L. Sechler. These gentlemen decided upon the Holly Company's system, and accordingly, in 1878 or 1879, a large tank, 50 feet long,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide, and 10 feet deep, was sunk in the Susquehanna River. In 1884 another tank with the following dimensions, 46 feet long,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide, and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep, was sunk, and the water is pumped from these tanks into a Morrison-Jewell Filter. The works also has a storage tank with a capacity of 98,000 gallons of filtered water. In the engine-room are three Worthington pumps, two of which pump the water from the



two large tanks into a receiving tank, and the third pumps the water through the pipes into all parts of the borough. There are 1,600 hydrants for family use; 106 double fire hydrants; and the D., L. & W. R. R. and a number of manufacturing plants are also supplied with water. The officers of the Water Works Company are: R. K. Polk, president; F. C. Angle and C. P. Harder, commissioners; E. S. Miller, superintendent; Jacob Byerly and Angus Wright, engineers; E. E. Bell and George Holligan, firemen.

Mr. Miller was united in the bonds of matrimony with Esther R. Barr, a daughter of Washington P. Barr of Danville. She died at the age of twenty-seven years, leaving one child, Laura M. Our subject formed a second marital union with Sarah C. Foust, a daughter of Daniel Foust of Mahoning township, Montour County. He is a member and past master of Mahoning Lodge No. 516, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Danville Chapter No. 239, H. R. A.; and past eminent commander of Calvary Commandery No. 37, K. T.

**G**EORGE W. KEEFER. The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is an extensive contractor of Sunbury, Northumberland County, where he has resided for many years and for whose interests he has worked with the untiring energy and zeal that characterizes the man. He has been closely identified with all enterprises having for their ultimate end the advancement of the borough, and is looked upon as one of her progressive citizens and held in high esteem by the whole community. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keefer, and was born in what was then Lower Augusta township, now Rockefeller, Northumberland County, April 22, 1845.

His paternal grandfather, a native of Oley township, Berks County, at an early age came to Shamokin township, Northumberland County, bringing his wife and two children. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits there the remainder of his life, and became a very prosperous man. He was the progenitor of four sons and four daughters, namely: Daniel; George, the father of our subject; John; Peter; Catharine; Mollie; Elizabeth; and Hannah. They are all now deceased.

George Keefer was born in Oley township, Berks County, in 1796, and was but eight years of age when he moved to Shamokin township with his father. There he grew to manhood and after his marriage moved to Lower Augusta township, near Lantz's Church, where he was successfully engaged in farming and milling until 1864. At that time he disposed of his grist mill, but continued at farming until his death, which occurred October 16, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was a very prominent man in the political affairs of the section, and his advice was very much sought in party councils. He was affiliated with the Democratic party, and was called upon to serve in many of the township offices. Religiously, he was a faithful member of Lantz's German Reformed Church, which he helped to build and of which he was trustee and elder for many years. He twice took the marriage vows, his first wife being Mary Lantz, by whom he was the father of five children: Samuel; Peter; Margaret; Hannah; and Mary M. His second union was with Elizabeth Weiser, and they became the happy parents of six children, whose names are as follows: Catherine; George W., the subject of this biographical sketch; Philip W.; John S.; Jennie; and Lucy A.



George W. Keefer was intellectually prepared for the duties of life in the public schools of Lower Augusta township, and was reared on the farm. In 1865, at the age of twenty years, he embarked in the mercantile business in Lower Augusta township, where he continued for two years. He then located at Herndon for a period of two years, and in 1869 moved to Sunbury, where he followed a similar line of business for five years. Since 1874 he has been engaged in contracting and building. He is an energetic worker and has built many large public buildings, bridges for the county and railroads, and many private residences, always fulfilling the contracts to the letter, and in such a manner as to gain the approval of his employers. His business has grown to a great extent, and at times he gives employment to a large number of men. In 1896 the Sunbury Mutual Life Insurance Company was organized, and he has since been its president. The remaining officers of the company are: George B. Cadwallader, vice-president; Amos Bloom, secretary; Urias Bloom, treasurer; and P. C. Oberdorf, agent. He is a man whose honesty and straightforwardness have never been questioned, and he is alike popular with his employers and fellow citizens, who esteem him as a man of great worth to the community.

In his political belief, Mr. Keefer is a staunch Democrat, and has served in an official capacity as burgess three terms, and in the council a number of times. He is also president of the board of trade and has held the position since its organization in 1891. Socially he is a member of Shamokin Lodge No. 255, F. & A. M. In his religious attachments he is a member of the German Reformed Church. On December 16, 1878, Mr. Keefer was united in marriage with Belle M. Zeigler, a daughter of George W. Zeigler, Esq., who was a

prominent attorney-at-law of Sunbury, but has been living in retirement since 1895.

Mr. Zeigler was born at Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., May 24, 1819, and is a son of George and Gertrude Elizabeth (Chritzman) Zeigler. His grandfather was Emanuel Zeigler, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, whose home was at Gettysburg, where he followed the trade of a hatter. George Zeigler, the father of George W., was also born at Gettysburg, and there plied the trade of a hatter. For some years he served as prothonotary of Adams County. He subsequently moved to Dauphin County, near the city of Harrisburg, where he spent the remainder of his life, and at one time was elected register and recorder of the county. In political belief he was a Democrat. He was a soldier of the War of 1812. He was joined in wedlock with Gertrude Elizabeth Chritzman, by whom he had seven children, six sons and one daughter. Mrs. Zeigler was born in Germany, and died at the age of seventy-five years in Butler County, Pa., where she was living with one of her sons.

George W. Zeigler was intellectually equipped for the battles of life in the public schools of Gettysburg, after which he learned the printer's trade in the establishment of the old Gettysburg Compiler. He thereafter located at Butler and engaged in the printing business with a brother, but later entered upon the study of law in the office of Samuel A. and John N. Pervian of that town. He was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-two years, and practiced at Butler for two years, when he removed to Jefferson County. His career there was one of unceasing activity and he acquired an extensive practice, in fact his duties became so onerous that his health was impaired, and he moved to Selinsgrove, where he practiced for two years. He then

moved to Sunbury, where he became a lawyer of recognized ability and cared for a large clientage until 1895, when he retired on account of his advanced years. He is a Democrat in politics, and was elected to the State Legislature in 1854, being returned to that body in 1855 and 1861.

On December 27, 1838, Mr. Zeigler was married to Mary A. McQuiston in Butler, Pa., and they became the parents of the following offspring: Isabel, the wife of our subject; Joseph, superintendent of the Adirondacks Railroad; Gertrude E., the wife of P. P. Smith; J. Walter; George, who died in 1860 at the age of thirteen years; and Edgar, who died in infancy. Mrs. Zeigler died September 5, 1889, at the age of sixty-nine years, eleven months and five days. Socially Mr. Zeigler is a member of Sunbury Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M.; and of the Odd Fellow Lodge. Religiously he is an adherent to the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE F. KEEFER, surveyor of the borough of Sunbury, and a citizen in high standing, is a son of Peter and Amelia (Haas) Keefer, and was born in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pa., August 10, 1864. He is a grandson of George and Mary (Lantz) Keefer, and his ancestral history will be found in the foregoing sketch of his uncle, George W. Keefer.

Peter Keefer, the father of our subject, was born in Lower Augusta township March 3, 1838, and has lived in that and Upper Augusta township all his life. He is an extensive contractor, making a specialty of bridge building, but early in life he was engaged in the mercantile business for a period of ten years, beginning at the age of about eighteen years. He then began contracting, and for more than

thirty years has followed that line of business with good results. He is a man of good business ability, and his career has been a most industrious one. Politically he is a Democrat, and, although not active in the workings of the party, has been school director at odd times. In religious attachments he is a devout member of the Reformed Church. He was joined in marriage with Amelia Haas, and they reared one child, George F., an account of whose life follows.

George F. Keefer was reared in Upper Augusta township, and obtained his mental training in the public schools of East Sunbury, completing the prescribed course. He subsequently took up a course of study in Bucknell College at Lewisburg, Pa., from which he was graduated in June, 1886. During a part of the time in school, he was engaged in teaching, and after his graduation he continued for some time,—a period of seven years in all. He then took up the subject of civil engineering and surveying, and gained much practical experience during the four years he spent as a member of a corps engaged in that line of work. In 1890 he embarked in business on his own account, and established an enviable reputation as a civil engineer and surveyor. Four years later he was appointed to act in that capacity for the borough of Sunbury, and he is now serving his fourth consecutive year as such. He is a business man of the first class, shrewd, enterprising, and a hard worker, and aside from the duties of his official position he has a good patronage. He has a large circle of acquaintances throughout the county, with whom he is very popular.

Mr. Keefer was united in marriage, in 1895, with Ella R. Kuebler of Rockefeller township, and they have one son, Paul Frederick. Socially he is a member of the B. P. O. E.

**J**OHN LYMAN RICHARDSON, eastern agent for the Weatherwax Manufacturing Company of San Francisco, Cal., and an enterprising business man of Bloomsburg, was born in Waverly, Pa., and is a son of John L. and Catherine (Heermans) Richardson.

Amos Richardson must have come to New England before 1640. We find he was in Boston as early as 1645, but he was doubtless there several years before. He is described as a merchant tailor, and was a man of great respectability and good taste. After the departure of Stephen Winthrop, the governor's son, for England in 1641, he was agent for him in New England, as he afterwards was for his brother John Winthrop, the first governor of Connecticut after the charter. With Dean Winthrop and others he was one of the original grantees of Groton, Conn., though he never went there to live. He was a man of strong convictions and determined energy and will, with a good deal of original talent, kind hearted, but never submitted to a wrong without an effort to secure the right. He died at Stonington, Conn., August 5, 1683. Stephen Richardson, third son of Amos Richardson, was born in Boston, June 14, 1652. He was a man of character and influence and lived and died in Stonington, Conn. Amos Richardson, second son of Stephen Richardson, was born in 1681. He settled in Coventry, Conn. Nathan Richardson, eldest son of Amos Richardson, was born March 20, 1725. Nathan Richardson, fifth son of Nathan Richardson, was born at Coventry, Conn., October 27, 1760, and removed to Manchester, Vt., about 1780, and from there to near Burlington, Chittenden County, Vt., where he soon after died. He was an upright Christian man. William P. Richardson, son of Nathan Richardson, was

born at Manchester, Vt., July 22, 1784. In his early childhood he developed more than ordinary aptness to learn and excelled as a reader. During the period of his life few men of his position were oftener called upon to read in public. In the Congregational Church, of which he was a member, regular service at that time was always held on the Sabbath in the absence of the minister. On such occasions—and they occurred hundreds of times during his life-time—Mr. Richardson was invariably called upon by one of the deacons to conduct the service and to stand in the pulpit and read a sermon to the congregation. For weeks, and sometimes months, he served the church in this way in the absence of the pastor. He studied theology under the instruction of the Rev. Ebenezer Kingsbury (the grandfather of E. P. Kingsbury, of Scranton), pastor of the Congregational Church at Jericho Centre, Vt. On account of the protracted sickness of his mother who required his constant care, he was compelled to relinquish all thought of the ministry as a profession. Mr. Richardson married, September 7, 1807, Laura, daughter of Capt. John Lyman. He was an old Jeffersonian Democrat, an ardent supporter of Madison and Monroe's administrations, and a decided advocate of the War of 1812. He enlisted as a volunteer and was an officer of his company which was ordered to Plattsburg. After the close of the war he purchased a farm near Jericho Centre, directing his attention to agricultural life. He was for many years a justice of the peace, often a member of the board of selectmen, and represented Chittenden County in the Legislature of the state in 1821, 1822 and 1824. He wrote the early history of Jericho township which was published in "Thompson's Gazetteer of the State." He early became interested in the cause of edu-



cation and secured the establishment of a good academical school in his township; and was president of the first organized temperance society in his town. When more than eighty years of age he removed with his wife to Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., where the couple spent the remainder of their days with their son-in-law, Edward Converse. Mr. Richardson, the father of J. L. Richardson, died February 28, 1871.

J. L. Richardson, the father of our subject, was born near Jericho Centre, Chittenden County, Vt., September 15, 1816. The county was named after the first governor, and one of the most renowned governors of the state; was the county in which Col. Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga, lived and died; the native county of Senator Edmunds; the native county of Dr. Higbee, former superintendent of public instruction in Pennsylvania; and the first public school which Mr. Richardson attended was soon after taught by the father of President Arthur. His first term in the academy of his native town found him a schoolmate of Judge Poland, for many years a member of Congress from Vermont. At the age of nineteen Mr. Richardson taught his first school near his native town, and soon after entered Burr Seminary, at Manchester, Vt., then under the principalship of his relative, Rev. Lyman Coleman, D. D., subsequently professor of ancient and modern history in Lafayette College, teaching winters, however, during the four years of his connection with the seminary. He left Manchester in 1842 on a visit to his sister Hannah, who, with her husband, John G. K. Truair, had charge of the Gilbertsville Academy and Collegiate Institute at Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y. He spent a year at that place, teaching in the academy, and during one term was associated with the late Rev. Reuben

Nelson, D. D., who was a teacher of languages in the same institution. Mr. Richardson moved to Luzerne County in 1843 and taught school for several years. In the fall of 1855, while he was principal of Madison Academy at Waverly, Pa., he was commissioned by Andrew G. Curtin, then secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction, as superintendent of the schools of Luzerne County. The act authorizing a superintendent was passed in 1854 and the late Rev. J. W. Lescher was the first superintendent, but he resigned shortly after the law went into effect. Mr. Richardson's first act as superintendent was to issue the following circular:

"Fellow Teachers: As you are about to enter upon the arduous and important duty of training the youthful mind, it can hardly be necessary to remind you of the responsibility attendant upon the positions you are to occupy. At least for a brief period, the moral and intellectual training of far the larger portion of the children and youth of Luzerne County will devolve upon you. Around the faithful teacher clusters a moral grandeur which no other profession can claim. You are to act directly upon the human mind, just at that period of its existence when impressions are the most lasting, and when its direction is the most easily given. With this view of the subject, parents are about to surrender to your guidance and care the most precious gifts which Heaven has bestowed upon them. Remember their deep anxiety as they watch the mental and moral development of their children while under your instruction and supervision. Remember 'that just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.' You are to do an important part of the work for preparing those under your charge for the practical duties of life. The great moral and political



machinery of the state will soon be propelled by those who are now young. Be careful, then, how you deal with the future jewels of our country. Cultivate in them a love of study and correct thought; impress upon their young minds the principles of moral right as the only sure basis of their future usefulness. We are acquainted with many of the difficulties which will attend your efforts. Many of you will be without proper apparatus for your school-rooms, without a uniformity of text-books, located in miserable houses, entirely unfit for the noble design of education. But be of good cheer, for we believe a better day is coming. School directors are beginning to act in the right direction. The citizens of our thriving villages are beginning to feel uneasy when they view their splendid churches and their magnificent hotels, etc., in contrast with their small, dingy, gloomy school-houses. The contrast is producing unpleasant sensations of mind, and shows a want of propriety, harmony and consistency. But we are rejoiced to know, that, in several places, efforts are in progress to leave these miserable school-buildings to the moles and bats, and in their places erect others better fitted for the education of those of whom it was said, 'Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven!' If you find your school-rooms not furnished with blackboard surface, maps, charts, etc., urge the directors to provide them for you. If school boards see that you are anxious by any means in your power to secure the improvement of your pupils, they will not be backward in assisting you. It will become my duty to visit your schools during the winter—a duty I intend without fail to perform. We shall note the progress your schools are making, and your own tact and skill as teachers. I would suggest that you procure and read Page's 'Theory and Practice of Teach-

ing,' take the Pennsylvania School Journal, and you will be more likely to succeed in your profession. Keep a faithful report of the attendance, progress, and deportment of your pupils. Organize so far as you can town teachers' associations for mutual improvement in the art of teaching, and be assured of my willingness to co-operate with you in efforts to elevate the common schools of our county.

"J. L. RICHARDSON,

"County Superintendent."

Mr. Richardson did much to improve the efficiency of the common schools, and as the office of county superintendent was very much objected to by a large number of people at the first, he did much to elevate the office and gain for it the commendation of the people. He held the position for five years and then voluntarily retired. He was succeeded in the office by Rev. Abel Marcy. The Richardsons are a race of teachers. They are found scattered throughout the country, in our colleges, seminaries, public schools, and in every department of scholastic labor. Of the brothers and sisters of Mr. Richardson, Betsy, Nathan, and Martin L. taught in Vermont; Mrs. Edward Converse taught in Lackawanna County more than forty-five years ago; Mrs. J. G. K. Truair had charge of the young ladies' department in the Gilbertsville Academy and Collegiate Institute; Mrs. Emily Hillhouse taught an academical school in Columbus, O.; and Simeon L. taught in Minnesota. Thus out of a family of ten children who grew up to maturity, eight were teachers. It is a fact worthy of note that during a portion of the time that J. L. Richardson was county superintendent of Luzerne County, Rev. Willard Richardson was county superintendent of Susquehanna County, and Judson Richardson was county superintendent of Sullivan Coun-

ty. Mr. Richardson was for six years an agent of the New York American Missionary Association, and as such addressed thousands of his countrymen in favor of the newly-created citizens of African descent. His first year's residence during this work was in St. Louis, Mo., devoting his time to the organization of schools and employing teachers for them. He visited the states of New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, and raised thousands of dollars for his work among the freedmen. He is a pioneer anti-slavery man and cast his vote for James G. Birney, John P. Hale, and other anti-slavery leaders. At the age of fourteen he signed the pledge at a temperance meeting, of which his father was president, and he has never drank a glass of wine in his life. In two presidential campaigns he was employed by the state committee of the temperance organization to canvass for votes, and to do all in his power to build up the cause. He has also been agent and solicitor for the Tunkhannock Republican, a temperance paper, and also for the Scranton City Journal. In 1879 he retired to a farm in Cooper township, near Danville, Montour County, Pa. He married June 19, 1846, Catherine Heermans, at that time living in Hyde Park (now Scranton), Pa. She was a sister of Edmond and John Heermans, and niece of the late Joseph Fellows.

We herewith publish an article from the pen of C. H. Browning, which appeared in the Philadelphia Press August 14, 1898, in which Admiral Dewey is shown to be of royal descent, and our subject a descendant of the same ancestors:

"While it will not add a particle to the everlasting fame which Dewey—there is only one 'Dewey'—has brought to his surname through his heroism at Manila, yet it is agreeable to know that he is in a genealogical point

of view no 'up-start' and that on the contrary he is ready to match ancestors with any one who may come along, and stands ready to back up his assertions with statements bearing on his claims found in Browning's 'Americans of Royal Descent,' Douglas's 'Peerage of Scotland,' Dugdale's 'Baronage of England,' Anderson's 'Royal Genealogies,' 'The Magna Charta Barons and their American Descendants,' and the other big guns of his genealogical armament.

"Admiral Dewey's pedigree begins on the very border of mythology with Thor, the Saxon God, or cult-hero, who is almost a myth, called variously Vothinn, Othinn, Odin, Bodo, and Woden, the King of the West Saxons, A. D., 256-300, who with his spouse, Frea, were the Mars and Venus of Saxon mythology. This King Woden, the God of War, is described as the great-grandfather of the bugaboos of English history, Horsa and Hengst, brothers, freebooters and pirates, of whom the Saxon annals tells us that Hengst was the King of Saxons, and died between A. D. 474 and 495, first King of Kent.

"Leaving this progenitor of the Saxon rulers of Britain, Admiral Dewey's royal lineage passes along the royal Saxon line on the continent, through King Hengst's son, Prince Hartwaker, to the historic King Dieteric, and his 'famous' wife (he had others), Wobrogera, a daughter of the unique character, Bellun, King of the Worder. Their grandson, Witekind the Great, was the last King of the Saxons, A. D. 769-807, and then dwindled into only their dukes, and Duke of Westphalia, while his descendants for a few generations were only Counts of Wettin, until on the genealogical line we come to the great Robert—Robert-fortis—who, by his sword became Count of Axjor and Orleans, Duke and Marquis of France, and won the hand of

the fair Lady Alisa, sister-in-law to the King of France, Lothaire I.

"This hero of medieval history, Robert-fortis, the great-grandson of the great Witekind, was the founder of the so-called Capuchin line of monarchs of France, for from him, through a line of Dukes of France and Burgundy, Counts of Paris, etc., who by their swords and intermarriages, became firmly seated on French soil, was descended the celebrated Hugh Capet, Duke of France, who usurped the throne of France and supplanted Charles, Duke of Lorraine, the heir of Louis d'Outremer, or King Louis IV., the last Carolingian, or descendant of the great Emperor Charlemagne, to occupy the 'French' throne.

"Tis said 'blood will tell.' How true it is in Dewey's case. The blood of the finest warriors in history tells in him. He inherited the 'knack of knowing' when to do it and how to do it, and is the peer of any of his ancestors from King Hengst to Hugh Capet, yet unconsciously he emulated the traits of many of them.

"Two other kings of the Capuchin line—Robert the Pious, and Henry the First—Dewey numbers among his illustrious ancestors, and Gibbon in his 'History of the Roman Empire,' tells us of the high lineage of one of his early ancestresses, Anne of Russia, wife of Henry I., of France. Gibbon states she was the daughter of Jaroslaus, Grand Duke or Czar of Russia, A. D. 1015-1051, who was a descendant of Basil, the Macedonian, first emperor of Constantinople, of his line, A. D. 867, and that Basil was descended, on his father's side, from the Araeides, the rivals of Rome, possessors of the scepter of the East for 400 years, through a younger branch of the Parthian monarchs, reigning in Armenia; and on his mother's side, from the European, Constantine the Great, and Alexander the Great, the Macedonian.

"All these illustrious historic characters were Dewey's forbears and so also were many others, he nor any one can ever be proud of. But genealogy, like politics, 'makes strange bedfellows.' He was born to these—good, bad and indifferent ancestors—they have been discovered for him, not manufactured, and of their attributes he has inherited the best, so it appears.

"Continuing Dewey's pedigree, we find that one of his ancestors—the one necessary to connect him with these historic characters—was the son of King Henry I., of France, Hugh the Great, or Magnus, Duke of France and Burgundy, Marquis of Orleans and Count of Paris, and through his wife Count of Vermandois and Valois, a noted man of his day.

"It is here that Dewey's pedigree leaves the Continent and begins to be a part of English history. Dewey's ancestresses, Lady Isabel de Vermandois, was the daughter of the aforesaid Hugh Magnus, and was the first wife (he was her first husband) of Robert de Bellomont, or Beaumont, a Norman, Earl of Milledent, who accompanied William of Normandy on his expedition to England, and for the part he took in the contest was created in 1103 Earl of Leicester and granted many manors in England, dying in 1118. He had issue by Lady Isabel, Robert Bosse de Bellomont, second Earl of Leicester, who was justiciary of England, and, dying in 1168, had issue by his wife, Lady Amelia or Amica, a daughter of Ralph de Waer or Waher, who in 1066 was the Earl of Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge, but forfeited these earldoms in 1074; Robert-blanc-Mains, third Earl of Leicester and Steward of England, whose daughter, Lady Margaret de Bellomont, was an ancestress of Admiral Dewey.

"This lady married Saher de Quincey, an English baron, created in 1207 by King John,



to win him over to his side, Earl of Winchester. This baron accepted and enjoyed the honors conferred on him by John, but never was friendly to him. On the contrary, he was, next to Fitz Walter, the leader of the insurrectionary barons, and did as much work as any of them to compel King John to grant the Magna Charta—the charter of liberty—and was one of the twenty-five sureties chosen to enforce its observance. It is through this baron that Dewey is eligible to membership in the Order of Runnymede.

“Turning now to the pages of the Scottish peerage books, we learn that this Earl of Winchester’s granddaughter, Elizabeth de Quincey, was the wife of Alexander de Comyn, second Earl of Buchan, who was a descendant of Donalbane, King of Scots, which gives Dewey a ‘strain’ of the sturdiest sort. And reverting again to the English peerage, we find that Gilbert, Baron d’Umfraville married Lady Agnes, a daughter of the aforesaid Elizabeth, Countess of Buchan, and was the progenitor of a line of d’Umfravilles to Lady Joan d’Umfraville, who married Sir William Lambert, Knt., Lord of Owlton Manor, in Durham. From the authentic pedigrees of the official Heralds of England we learn that a great-granddaughter of this marriage was the wife of Thomas Lyman, Gent, of Navistoke, in Essex, who died in 1509, and the mother of Henry Lyman, of High Ongar, in Essex, who was the ancestor of that Richard Lyman, born at High Ongar Manor in 1580, who came to the Massachusetts colony in 1631 and died in 1640 at Hartford, Conn., of which city he was one of the founders and earliest lot owners.

“His son Richard Lyman (of Windsor, Conn., died in 1662) daughter, Hepzibah, married November 6, 1662, Josiah Dewey (who was baptized October 10, 1641, and was

the son of Thomas Dewey, the first of this surname to come to the new world—to Boston, Mass., in 1633) and they were the parents of Josiah, Jr., born December 24, 1666, who was the lineal ancestor as set forth in the ‘Dewey Genealogy’ by William T. Dewey, of Montpelier, Vt., of our gallant hero, Rear Admiral George Dewey.

“Richard Lyman, the patriarch of all the Lymans of English descent in America, was born at High Ongar, Essex County, England, and was baptized October 30, 1580. The date of his birth is not known. He married Sarah Osborne, of Halstead, in Kent. She went to America with her husband and all her children, and died in Hartford, Conn., about the year 1640, soon after the death of her husband. Mr. Lyman embarked about the middle of August, 1631, with his wife and children, in the ship ‘Lion,’ for New England, taking their departure from the port of Bristol. There went in the same ship, Martha Winthrop, the third wife of John Winthrop, at that time governor of New England, the governor’s eldest son and his wife and their children, also Eliot, the celebrated apostle of the Massachusetts Indians. The ship made anchor before Boston on November 2, 1631. Richard Lyman first became a settler in Charlestown, Mass., and, with his wife, united with the church in what is now called Roxbury, under the pastoral care of Eliot, the apostle to the Indians. He became a freeman at the General Court June 11, 1635, and on October 15, 1635, he took his departure with his family from Charlestown, joining a party of about one-hundred persons who went through the wilderness from Massachusetts to Connecticut, the object being to form settlements at Windsor, Hartford, and Wethersfield. He was one of the first settlers at Hartford. The journey from Massachusetts was made in



about fourteen days' time, the distance being more than one hundred miles, and through a trackless wilderness. They had no guide but their compass, and made their way over mountains, through swamps, thickets, and rivers, which were not passable except with the greatest difficulty. They had no cover but the heavens, nor any lodgings but those which simple nature afforded them. They drove with them one-hundred and sixty head of cattle, and, by the way, subsisted in a great measure on the milk of their cows. The people carried their packs, arms, and some utensils. This adventure was the more remarkable as many of this company were persons of figure who had lived in England in honor, affluence and delicacy, and were entire strangers to fatigue and danger. Richard Lyman on this journey suffered greatly in the loss of cattle. He was one of the original proprietors of Hartford, and there is little doubt that he and his wife formed a connection with the first church in Hartford, of which the Rev. Thomas Hooker was pastor. His will, the first on record at Hartford, is dated April 22, 1640, is first in the valuable collection of Trumbull, and stands Record I, page 442, and followed by an inventory of his estate. He died in August, 1640, and his name is inscribed on a stone column in the rear of the Centre Church, of Hartford, erected in memory of the first settlers of the city. His wife, Sarah, died soon afterward. Richard Lyman is reported to have begun life in the new world as a man of 'considerable estate, keeping two servants.'

"John Lyman, known as Lieutenant Lyman, born in High Ongar, September, 1623, came to New England with his father. He married Dorcas, daughter of John Plumb, of Branford, Conn. He settled in Northampton, Mass., where he resided until his death,

August 20, 1690. Lieutenant John Lyman was in command of the Northampton soldiers in the famous Falls' fight, above Deerfield May 18, 1676. Moses Lyman, son of Lieutenant John Lyman, was born in Northampton, Mass., February 20, 1623, and died February 25, 1701. Captain Moses Lyman, the only son of Moses Lyman, was born February 27, 1689, and died March 24, 1762. He married Mindwell Sheldon, December 13, 1712. Simeon Lyman, son of Captain Moses Lyman, was born in 1725 in Northampton, Mass., settled in Salisbury, Conn., and joined the church in that place in 1740 by letter from the church in Northampton. He married Abigail Beebe, of Canaan, Conn., and both died in Salisbury in the year 1800. John Lyman, son of Simeon Lyman, of Salisbury, Conn., was born March 11, 1760. He married Huldah Brinsmade, of Stratford, Conn. He migrated to Jericho, Vt., soon after the Revolutionary War, among the first settlers of the state. He was a man of deep thought, sound judgment, and an earnest Christian. As a bold and fearless soldier and sure marksman, he served faithfully his country in the war of the Revolution. He died in 1840. Laura Lyman was born November 10, 1789, and married September 7, 1807, William P. Richardson. She died at Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., February 28, 1869."

In an address delivered by Hon. Lyman Tremain, a descendant of Richard Lyman through Simeon Lyman, at a reunion of the Lyman family, he uses this language:

"How mighty and marvelous are the physical, moral, and political changes that have been wrought in the condition of our country since Richard Lyman first entered the valley of the Connecticut. These can only be briefly sketched on this occasion. Eleven years before he landed at Boston, the Pil-

grims had planted their footsteps upon the rock at Plymouth, and laid broad and deep the foundations of free religious worship and republican liberty. Two years before King Charles the First had granted the charter incorporating 'The Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.' The year before John Winthrop had been chosen governor of Massachusetts, and had emigrated to the colony, leaving his wife in England to follow him when her health would allow. \* \* \* These feeble colonists have become a mighty nation. Where stood those primeval forests now stand populous cities, flourishing towns and villages, and smiling farms and farm houses, while the journey that then required fourteen days for its accomplishment is now made by the iron horse several times every day."

John Lyman Richardson received his primary education in the public schools of Wilkesbarre, Pa., which was later supplemented by a course in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg where he was prepared for Lafayette College, entering the class of 1885. He then taught school for a short time, and in 1886 became shipping clerk and buyer for the Manhattan Brass Company of New York City, remaining in the position for three and one-half years; he then accepted a like position with Randolph & Clowes of Waterbury, Conn. In 1891 he removed to Bloomsburg and in company with F. J. Richard built the Tube Plant, of which our subject was treasurer until 1894. For the past year Mr. Richardson has been representing the Weatherwax Manufacturing Company of San Francisco, Cal., and has been assigned to the eastern states, where he is meeting with the greatest of success. In 1895 our subject and Mr. Richard built four large tenement houses, and in 1898 the former built a large and handsome residence on East Main street.

Mr. Richardson formed a matrimonial alliance with Minnie Bittenbender, a daughter of Evan E. Bittenbender of Grand Rapids, Mich., and they have been blessed by two children, namely: Catherine R., born June 5, 1896; and John L., born July 4, 1897. In political views our subject affiliates with the Republican party.

Evan E. Bittenbender, father of Mrs. J. L. Richardson, was born February 26, 1842, at Cambria, Luzerne County, Pa. His father, Henry Bittenbender, removed with his family to Forks, Columbia County, Pa., and purchased what is now known as the Zanér farm, one of the best in the Fishing Creek Valley. Upon reaching his twenty-first year Evan E. enlisted in Company E, 209th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., in which company he served until the end of the Civil War. His company was engaged in some of the fiercest battles of the war, among others Fort Steadman and Petersburg. He married Rebecca Matilda Stoker, daughter of Daniel Stoker, September 28, 1865, and removed in the same year to Constantine, Mich., subsequently removing to Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1881.

GEORGE P. and HARRY W. ARMSTRONG, constituting the firm of G. P. Armstrong & Bro., are proprietors of the leading general merchandise store and are among the foremost of the prosperous business men of McEwensville, Northumberland County, Pa. They are sons of Gen. George W. and Elizabeth (Witter) Armstrong, and are members of an old and well-established family of Northumberland County.

Their earliest known ancestor was James Armstrong, a native of Ireland, who taught

school and engaged in surveying in that country. He was a well-educated man, and on June 1, 1786, came to America, locating in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa. He brought with him the following high recommendation from business and professional men, an excellent testimonial as to his character:

COUNTY OF FERMANAGH.  
CORPORATION OF ENNISKILLEN.

[Seal.]

We, the under-named Provost, Burgess, and Freemen of the aforesaid corporation, do certify that the bearer, James Armstrong, was born and bred in the neighborhood of this Corporation, of Protestant parents; that he always behaved himself soberly and industriously, practicing the business of a Land Surveyor, with many other businesses of trust, which he punctually discharged to the satisfaction of his employers. In testimony whereof we have affixed the seal of our Corporation. Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six.

ART. JOHNSTON,  
Recorder.

WILLIAM SCOTT,

Provost.

WALTER HUDSON,

ROBERT HASSARD,

Burgesses.

The bearer, James Armstrong, was born on my estate, in County Fermanagh, of reputable parents, and has always behaved himself regularly and soberly. MR. ARCHDALL,

Member for the County of Fermanagh.

James Armstrong, above mentioned, served as clerk to my church twelve years, last April, and behaved himself soberly and well and was schoolmaster to my parish of Ennis McSaint, otherwise Churchhill, for five years, and de-

clined teaching school on getting employment as Surveyor of Land, which was of more advantage to him than teaching school. Given under my hand this thirty-first day of May, 1786.

JN. NIXON,

Tutor and Vicar of Said Parish.

N. B.—I have promised to restore him to his clerkship if he returns in twelve months' time.

The bearer, James Armstrong, of Cossbys-town, who is now about to set out for America, acted in a place of trust and authority for me for seven years past, and acquitted himself with as much honesty and integrity as I could expect or wish for.

Given under my hand this 30th day of May, 1786, six.

WM. OWENS,

Curate Ennis McSaint Parish, Ireland.

I have known the above mentioned James Armstrong for some time, and I believe the above to be true. AND. R. MILLAR,

Vicar Clogham.

Mr. Armstrong readily procured a position as instructor in the Carlisle High School as teacher of mathematics. While residing in Carlisle he married Eleanor Pollock, who was born February 7, 1760, and died February 26, 1823. She was a daughter of John Pollock, who also came to this country and made his home in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa. He was a son of Dr. Thomas Pollock, whose ancestors were from Renfrewshire, Scotland. Mrs. Armstrong fell heir to a tract of 200 acres of land in Northumberland County, the place now owned by Merritt Sanster, which adjoins McEwensville, and her husband then resigned his position and located thereon. He followed farming until his death, on September 20, 1829. James Armstrong was the progenitor of the following children: Anthony,



the grandfather of our subjects. Elizabeth, who was born November 11, 1789, and died on July 5, 1861, married George Blain, and had five children; Ellen, who married Jacob Mosteller; Prudence, the wife of J. D. Brittain; James, whose wife was Elizabeth Amans; Jane; and Mary, the wife of Henry Martin. Eleanor, the third child of James and Eleanor Armstrong, was born July 28, 1791, and died on September 22 of the same year. Eleanor, the fourth child born to her parents, was born on August 8, 1792, and died on February 7, 1857, married Andrew Guffey, and their children were: Margaret, the wife of J. P. Armstrong; Andrew J., who married Mary M. Falls; James, who married Elizabeth Shannon; Harriet, the wife of S. C. Frymire; Clarissa; Richard, who married Hester McKee; and Eleanor. Catherine, the fifth child, was born September 26, 1793, and died November 9, 1857. John, born December 18, 1795, died April 2, 1863. Jane, born October 25, 1798, died September 14, 1844. James, who was born December 3, 1800, and died on October 15, 1871, married Mary Reeder, and they were the parents of the following children: Dr. Richard, whose wife was Mary Kensing; Margaret E.; George B., who married Emma Axtell; William; and Mary, the wife of Frank Morgan. Mary, the ninth child born to James and his wife Eleanor, was born September 9, 1803, and died April 20, 1879. Richard, who was born April 13, 1805, became a missionary, going to the Sandwich Islands in 1832, where he established the first church. He followed his calling there and accomplished much good, but his life was cut short in 1860, when he was thrown from his horse and killed. His wife and daughter, Amelia, established a school at Oakland, Cal., for the education of the Chinese, and his son, Samuel, established the institute at Hampton, Va.,

for the education of Indians and Negroes. He married Clarissa Chapman, and their union was blessed by the birth of eight children, namely: Caroline; Carrie, the wife of Edmund Beckwith; Samuel; William N.; Ellen; James; Clara; and Amelia.

Anthony Armstrong, the grandfather of our subjects, was born on September 6, 1788, and early in life was engaged in teaming from Milton to Philadelphia, before the existence of railroads in that section or before the canal was built. He hauled produce and provisions down to market and returned with a stock of merchandise, the trip being three weeks long. He subsequently took to agricultural pursuits and continued at that the remainder of his life, dying in January, 1868. Politically he was a firm Democrat. He was appointed captain of the Northumberland Cavalry Troop, it being organized in 1824, by Gov. J. Andrew Shultze, the first in the county. He married Elizabeth Guffey, who died in 1832. Several years afterward he married Martha Conley, who died in 1878. His union with his first wife resulted in the following offspring: Jane, the wife of Edwin V. Derickson. Matilda A. was the wife of Judge John F. Dentler, by whom she had ten children, namely: Mary E., the wife of P. Mellick; Harry C.; Wallace W.; Jane E., the wife of J. N. Sloan; John M.; James D.; Julia, the wife of William Withers; Jessie F., the wife of Alfred Bagney; Maggie M., who married Leidy Morelock; and Sally M. (Gifford). Margaret, the third daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Armstrong, was the wife of John Sloan. Andrew married Angeline Watson, and their children were: James; Elizabeth, the wife of H. Allen; Anthony, who married Kate Grifey; David, who married Jane McWilliams; Mary, the wife of Frederick Gosh; and Emma. James F., the fifth child of Anthony and Elizabeth, married



Margaret Guffey, and they were the parents of the following children: Hannah; Mary; Lizzie, the wife of Henry Nye; Henry; Samuel; Clara; Scott; and Hattie. George W. is the father of the gentlemen whose names head these lines.

General George W. Armstrong was born, July 31, 1822, in Turbot township, Northumberland County, Pa., and received a good education in Milton Academy and the public schools. He taught school for two terms and at the age of eighteen years went into the office of the Ledger at Milton, where he learned the printer's trade and subsequently became a part-owner of the publication. In 1844 he disposed of it to J. R. Eck and enlisted in Company C, 2nd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., serving in the Mexican War until August of the same year, when he received his discharge in order to accompany the remains of Gen. R. H. Hammond to his home at Milton, Pa. He then became one of the proprietors of the Palladium of Bordentown, N. J., and after disposing of his interest there moved to Pottsville, Pa., where he was associated with G. L. Vliet, Esq., in publishing The True Democrat. After a period of two years, in 1849, he moved to McEwensville, and in the following year began clerking in the store of Dentler & Armstrong, in which capacity he continued until 1859, when he embarked in business on his own account. He purchased the Watson & Vincent store, which was built in 1828, and also the residence adjoining, which was built by the same firm in 1832. His business was begun on a small scale, but as his patronage grew he increased his stock and facilities for handling the trade of his customers, occupying two floors of the building. He became the leading merchant in the village and one of the largest in the district, and continued in a prosperous manner until 1890, when he re-

tired in favor of his sons, who now operate the store. They have a first-class store in every respect and enjoy the confidence and respect of the community to a marked degree. Gen. Armstrong served as postmaster of McEwensville for about eight years and has served as school director for twenty-eight years, still continuing in that capacity. In 1853 he was commissioned first lieutenant in the Northumberland County Cavalry Troop by Gov. Bigler, was commissioned second lieutenant in 1854, and one year later was made a captain. Ever since the time of James Armstrong the family have been strict adherents to the faith of the Presbyterian Church. The father of our subject was united in hymeneal bonds with Elizabeth Witter, who was born July 1, 1822, a daughter of Amos Witter, who came from near Westfield, Mass., and settled at Milton at an early day. The Witter family traces its ancestry back to one Capt. Ebenezer Witter, who was a native of Westfield, Mass. He served as a captain in the Revolutionary War, and on page 20 of the "Lexington Alarm List" from the town of Preston, Conn., may be found his record. He was born September 11, 1732, and was three times married. His first wife was Amy Meref, to whom he was married June 2, 1757, and from this union the Cook family descended. His second union occurred September 22, 1763, with Abigail Geer, and in 1796 he married for his third wife Hannah Page. The family record is very incomplete, but it is thought that Mrs. Armstrong is a descendant of Capt. Witter's second union.

In connection with Francis Ball, under the firm name of Witter & Ball, Amos Witter engaged in the manufacture of carriages on Walnut street previous to the year 1840, and became a prominent man of that locality. He was a major of the state militia. He insti-

tuted the first lodge of Masons at Milton, and was the first grand master; he was also a member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge. He lived to reach the advanced age of seventy-five years, and his wife died at the age of forty-five years. His wife's maiden name was Mary Delevan, and their union resulted in the following issue: Amos; Albert; Henry; Hammond; Jane; Lucy; Amelia; Elizabeth; and Margaret. Gen. Armstrong and his wife were the parents of five children: Lucy Blanche, the wife of William F. Dewitt; Matilda, the wife of James Buoy; George P.; Annie; and Harry W.

George P. Armstrong was born in McEwensville, Pa., May 3, 1854, and received his education in the McEwensville Academy, after which he taught school for ten years. He took up the trade of a plasterer and followed that occupation for some years; he also spent one year prospecting in the West. He clerked in a general merchandise store and after acquiring the requisite amount of experience, in 1890, became a partner with his brother, Harry, in conducting the store formerly owned by his father. He is a shrewd, clever business man, and has been very successful. He has held many minor offices of the borough and is now serving as assessor. Socially he was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge.

Harry Witter Armstrong was born September 18, 1861, in McEwensville, and was educated in the academy at that place. He served as a clerk in his father's store and for a number of years prior to the latter's retirement had complete charge of the store. He has followed that line of business continuously since. He became a partner to his brother in 1890, and by their honest and straightforward methods of dealing with the public they have acquired an enviable reputation for their establishment. Harry Witter Armstrong was ap-

pointed postmaster and served under both of Cleveland's administrations. Religiously he is a member of the Warrior Run Presbyterian Church and is trustee of that organization. He is one of the popular men of the village and has many friends throughout the county.

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**D**UNCAN C. CAMPBELL,\* a representative and leading farmer of Rush township, Northumberland County, was born June 15, 1826, on the place where he now lives, and is a son of Abraham and Jane (Cameron) Campbell, and grandson of Robert Campbell of New Jersey, who was a farmer and had a family of eight children. The Cameron and Campbell families are of Scotch descent.

Abraham Campbell, our subject's father, was a native of New Jersey, but was brought when a lad of eight years to Rush township, where he grew to manhood and lived the remainder of his life, following the peaceful vocation of a farmer, until he died in October, 1861. His wife, Jane (Cameron) Campbell, who died in 1854, was a native of Fishing Creek, Pa. To them were born five children: Robert, who died in 1861, was a farmer and married Sarah Ann Vastine, now deceased, of Rush township; Margaret, and her husband, Joseph Hartman, are both deceased; Flora, who died at the age of four years; Duncan C., our subject; and Joseph L., deceased, whose wife was Ellen John of Danville, N. Y. Mr. Campbell was an active, stirring man, a Democrat in political views, in religious attachments a Methodist and served as trustee and steward in the church.

Duncan C. Campbell, our subject, was married December 25, 1849, to Nancy Colket of

Rush township, who died May 30, 1887. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Vastine) Colket. John Vastine was a cooper by trade, and both he and his wife lived and died in Rush township. Our subject and wife became the parents of five children, namely: Arthur Monroe, born February 17, 1851, married Blanche Wood of Syracuse, N. Y., and manufactures corsets in that city; Flora J., who married Charles M. Vendevander, and lives in Northumberland, Pa., having one son, Forrest; Elizabeth, who married Obadiah Fox, a merchant of Mount Carmel, Pa., and has four children, Stella, Kimber K., Howard, and Ethel; Joseph B., who married Esther Leiby of Bear Gap, Pa., and has two children, Gertrude and Duncan; and James L., a carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Riverside, Pa., who married Mary Hurd, and they have four children, Blanche, Arthur, Duncan C., and Myrtle.

Our subject has always lived on the old homestead, with the exception of three years, when he lived on an adjoining farm. He has 180 acres of land, upon which he has made many improvements; he built a very fine house in 1894, in which he has hot and cold water, bath, furnace heat, etc. He has operated a threshing machine for several years and also cut and sawed a great deal of lumber from his place. He keeps on the average about twenty cows and has run a milk route to Danville, Pa., for about fifteen years, the management of which is now in the hands of his son Joseph, who has always lived with him and is one of the prominent men of Rush township. Our subject's popularity among his friends has caused him to hold many offices, viz., school director, auditor, overseer of the poor, judge of elections and many other minor positions. He has always been a stanch Democrat. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.,

Lodge No. 527, of Snyderstown, Pa. He is also a member of the Grange. Inheriting all the love and respect of his Scotch ancestry for the Sabbath and divine worship, our subject has not confined his energies to secular work alone, but has devoted much of his time to church affairs, and has served as trustee and steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kline's Grove. He has a rugged constitution, which has enabled him to labor hard and long, and his many friends regret that a bad accident which left him with a broken hip should cripple him for life and prevent him from enjoying some of the blessings which have come to him as the result of the toil of younger days.

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**D**R. W. T. GRAHAM,\* who is unexcelled in Northumberland County as a physician and surgeon, is acting in that capacity for the Pennsylvania Railroad and is one of the foremost citizens of Sunbury. He is a son of Dr. G. M. and Rebecca (Kelley) Graham, and was born in Juniata County, Pa., November 27, 1862.

The family is of Scotch-Irish stock, and its members were among the early pioneer settlers of Central Pennsylvania, where William Graham, our subject's great-grandfather, located, buying a tract of one hundred acres of land on the south side of Tuscarora Creek, in what is now Spruce Hill township, Juniata County, for the paltry sum of three dollars per acre. He cleared part of the land and during the remainder of his life was engaged in its cultivation. His son, John Graham, the grandfather of our subject, was born upon this property, which he was engaged in cultivating until 1837, when he moved to Cumberland County, near Carlisle, and tilled the soil the



remainder of his life, dying in 1867, after attaining the age of eighty-four years. He was a man of exceptional business qualifications and good judgment. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Polly Turbett, a daughter of Col. Turbett, who was actively engaged in the battle at Princeton, and others of prominence in the Revolutionary War. This union resulted in the birth of ten children, the youngest of whom was Dr. G. M. Graham.

Dr. G. M. Graham was born in Spruce Hill township in 1829, and obtained his intellectual training in the Tuscarora Academy and Dickinson College of Carlisle, Pa., after which he took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1853. He immediately after located in Perrysville, now Port Royal, and acquired a lucrative practice, doing a vast amount of work in the surgical line, as he was especially efficient in performing operations. He was for many years an elder in the Presbyterian Church. At 6 o'clock a. m., June 1, 1854, he was joined in wedlock to Rebecca Kelley, and they became the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Graham was a daughter of Joseph Kelley, M. D., a native of Lancaster County, who was born November 19, 1795. He was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and located in Spruce Hill township, where he was a prominent physician. He lived a long and useful life, dying in 1887, at the age of eighty-two years. Religiously he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years. He chose as his companion in life Anna Breson Stewart, who died in 1870, aged sixty-five years, and who was a descendant of the Stewarts, a prominent family of Scotland.

Dr. W. T. Graham was educated in the Port Royal Academy and in Dickinson College,

from which he graduated in 1886, after which he read medicine with his father for some time, and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1889, after which he remained at home for one year, and then moved to Miner's State Hospital at Ashland, Pa. He served for two years as assistant surgeon of that institution, and in 1893 removed to Sunbury, and has since been surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad and carried on a general practice. He is also a member of the Northumberland County Medical Association. During his brief residence in Sunbury Dr. Graham has become firmly established in the good will and affection of the people.

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**W**ILLIAM BRONG.\* Cultivating the soil has been the principal occupation of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, and he is the owner of a farm pleasantly situated in Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County, Pa. His parents are Joseph and Catherine (Hufsmith) Brong, and he was born in Monroe County, Pa., October 20, 1840.

Our subject's grandfather was Jacob Brong, also a native of Monroe County; he was engaged in farming and the lumber business and owned a large saw-mill. He continued to reside in Monroe County all his life and died there an old man. Joseph Brong was born in Monroe County, Pa., where he lives at the present time, having spent over eighty years of his life in that county. He has been a farmer all his life, and has been remarkably successful; he has made many friends, all of whom respect and esteem him for his many sterling qualities. He was twice married. His first wife was Catherine Hufsmith, a native of Monroe County, and his second wife was Mrs.



Catherine Kreste. Our subject's mother died in 1880. She was the mother of thirteen children, who were named as follows: William, our subject, the eldest; Sarah, who is a resident of Monroe County; Mary Ann, wife of J. B. Miller of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Hannah, who united in marriage with William Everitt, a retired farmer of Monroe County, Pa.; Charles H., a carpenter by trade, residing at Peckville, Pa.; Emeline, who resides at home; Julia Ann, deceased; Savannah, who married Albert Kreste, and they are residents of Bethlehem, Pa.; John, a laborer residing at Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Millard, who lives in Monroe County, Pa.; Nathan, deceased; and two who died in their infancy.

William Brong began farming as a laborer in his native county; when the Civil War broke out he volunteered his services, and in September, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, 176th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., under Col. A. A. Leckler and Capt. Nicholas. The company only participated in a few skirmishes, and at the expiration of his enlistment, on June 2, 1863, our subject was discharged. Returning home he began the life of a farmer, and in 1891 he left his native county and removed to Sullivan County and settled in Hillsgrove township, where he began lumbering; later he settled on his present homestead near Hillsgrove, owning a fine farm of eighty-two acres.

December 25, 1864, Mr. Brong was united in marriage with Ann Maria Anglemire, born in Monroe County, Pa., June 9, 1841, and a daughter of Adam and Sarah (Kreste) Anglemire, both of whom are now deceased; her father was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Brong are the parents of four children, namely: Adam J., who resides at home; Robert, a farmer of Hillsgrove township, who married Cora Jackson; Alda M., who died

young; and Bertha, an adopted child, born April 16, 1895. Mr. Brong was formerly a Democrat, but is now a Republican; he has held the office of road commissioner several years. Religiously he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church of Hillsgrove.

**D**ANIEL SCHLIEF,\* a prosperous merchant of Shamokin, Pa., is purely of German descent. He was born February 6, 1863, at Silver Creek, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of Francis and Barbara (Strohm) Schlieff. His maternal grandparents were Daniel and Catherine (Steis) Strohm. They came over from Germany on the same vessel which also bore the father of our subject, then a young man. His grandparents located on a tract of land in Schuylkill County, Pa., known as the "Bushy Tract."

Francis Schlieff, father of our subject, was born in 1822 in Bavaria, Germany. He arrived in America, July 15, 1848. He first settled at Middeport, Schuylkill County, Pa., but subsequently removed to Brady, Northumberland County, now known as Johnson City, and engaged in agricultural pursuits until our subject attained the age of six years, removing at that time to Shamokin and engaging in mining for many years. Later he was an assistant in a mercantile establishment at Shamokin. He continued at that occupation until cut off by death in 1882 at the age of sixty years. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He was a decided Republican.

Daniel Schlieff attended public schools until he attained the age of twelve years when he began working at the mines as slate-picker, continuing that occupation until seventeen years of age, when he commenced clerking for

his father and diligently continued at that until his father's death in 1882, after which he remained with his father's former employer for six years. By strict attention to his duties and by close economy he had saved a considerable sum of money with which, in 1888, he leased a building and engaged in the mercantile business for himself, directly opposite the place he now occupies. He remained there for several years and was successful to such a marked degree that he was enabled to purchase his present site and build a handsome building of his own, at No. 600 West Pine street, Shamokin. This is a modern brick building with a frontage of 25 feet and a depth of 60 feet, and is three stories high. In this building Mr. Schlieff carries a fine stock of general merchandise and can please the most fastidious. He is a close and careful buyer and believes in quick sales and small profits, thus securing for his customers many excellent bargains.

Mr. Schlieff was twice married. His first wife was Mazie L. Hale, who bore him one son, Daniel, now deceased. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Schlieff was united with Mrs. Kate S. Lyne. Two children were born to them, a daughter and son, Mazie Ruth and Lloyd Allen. Mr. Schlieff and his wife have seen these loved ones laid to rest in the grave; the misfortune fell heavily upon them, but they have bowed to the will of Him who called their loved ones home, and by this bereavement their own lives have been more closely cemented together.

Mr. Schlieff is, virtually, a self-made man, having risen from a day-laborer to a position of wealth. He has been the architect of his own fortunes in the truest sense of the word. Both politically and religiously he follows in the footsteps of his father, being an enthusiastic Republican and a member and liberal sup-

porter of the Reformed Church. He has served as councilman for two years, and is now a member of the board of health. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., and is also a member of the A. P. A., No. 149.

ROBERT HENRY SAVAGE, D.D.S.,\* a proficient and successful dentist of Sunbury, Pa., is a man who, by perseverance and energy, has won success despite adverse circumstances for which he was in no way responsible and which he could not control. Dr. Savage is a son of James and Elizabeth (Ball) Savage and was born in Wiconisco, Dauphin County, Pa., August 3, 1859.

Our subject's grandfather, James Savage, was a native of Wales and with his wife, Eleanor, and family immigrated to the United States, settling in Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pa., where he died. He was a miner in his native country and continued as such in this country.

James Savage, father of the subject of this review, was born in Minora, County of Denbigh, North Wales, the home of his ancestors for many years, February 25, 1823; in 1835, when the family settled in Minersville, he was but twelve years of age. He obtained a limited education in the public schools and grew to manhood in the town in which the family settled. When twelve years old James entered the mines as a mule driver. He continued in the mines as a laborer, pursuing the various lines of work and being regularly promoted until finally he undertook the operation of a colliery on his own account at Lykens, Dauphin County, Pa. He conducted the colliery a short time and in 1859 migrated to California, where he engaged in gold mining for six years. Returning to Schuylkill

County Mr. Savage became superintendent of a colliery at Gilberton, subsequently occupying a similar position in a colliery at Lykens operated by the Lykens Valley Coal Company. Some time later the company, Savage Bros. & Kauffman, was formed and took charge of and operated the Brookside Colliery at Tower City, the colliery being the largest one in the world. It is now owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. When the colliery was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading company Mr. Savage entered the employ of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co., as superintendent of a gang of men engaged in prospecting in various parts of New Mexico for the railroad. He continued in that position until his death at Cimarron, New Mexico, on November 10, 1881. Mr. Savage married Elizabeth Ball, by whom he had seven children, four sons and three daughters. Mrs. Savage also has passed to her final rest beyond earthly bounds.

His primary scholastic training was obtained by Robert Henry Savage in the public schools of Tremont and subsequently he acquired a good English education in Lebanon Valley College at Auville. Having decided to become a dentist, Mr. Savage entered upon the study of his chosen profession and was so fortunate as to place himself under the preceptorship of P. K. Filbert, D. D. S., a leading practitioner of Pottsville, Pa., under whose direction he quickly acquired a good general knowledge of dentistry and fully prepared himself to enter a dental college. Unfortunately his father, James Savage, met with financial reverses and the son was compelled to defer his course in a dental college until such time as he had earned sufficient money to defray the expenses of a dental-college course.


Determined to succeed and to master his

chosen profession Mr. Savage, in 1879, went to Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa., where, as assistant, he practiced his profession for two years under the direction of Dr. Van Buskirk. In 1881 Mr. Savage removed to Sunbury and served as assistant to Dr. G. M. Renn, with whom he remained until 1884, when he entered upon practice alone, which he continued successfully for two years. In 1886 he formed a co-partnership with Dr. Renn, the firm name being Renn & Savage, and this firm continued pleasantly and profitably for five years, when it was mutually dissolved. Soon after separating from Dr. Renn Mr. Savage, in 1892, matriculated at the Pennsylvania Dental College in Philadelphia, and after taking a two years' course received the degree D. D. S., in March, 1894. He returned to Sunbury after he was graduated from the college. He has by diligent attention to the duties and details of his intricate and most important profession and by his skilful practice and courtesy built up a large and lucrative clientage.

Our subject is a member of the Royal Arcanum and is identified with the Reformed Church.

On July 12, 1885, Dr. Savage was united in marriage to Adelia Florine Garing of Sunbury, and to them two children have been born: Effie, born September 5, 1886, and Mamie, whose death cast over a happy home its first sorrow.

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 LAF F. FERRIS.\* Among the self-made men of Columbia County and one of her foremost agriculturists, as well as a gentleman respected for his sterling worth and integrity, we take pleasure in mentioning a few facts connected with the life of



the gentleman whose name heads these lines. He is a farmer by calling and is engaged in the prosecution of his vocation on his fine farm a few miles from the town of Berwick. He was born at Mahoopany, Wyoming County, Pa., March 21, 1848, and is a son of Simeon and Holy Ann (June) Ferris.

Ransford Ferris, the great-grandfather of our subject, was one of the prominent farmers of Stamford, Conn., and spent his entire life in that occupation. He passed from this life about 1821. His wife was Lizzie June, and they were the parents of the following children: Avery, Simeon, Alvin, Joseph, Debbie, Betsey, Lucetis, and Abigail. Simeon Ferris, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Stamford, Conn., and died at his home in Sussex County, N. J., September, 1821.

\* His occupation was that of a shoemaker, which he followed in connection with farming. He was joined in marriage to Nancy Simmons and the following children blessed their home: Isaac, who moved to the West during his young manhood; Appollos, deceased, was a miller at Boontown, N. J.; Simeon, the father of our subject; John Calvin, a retired farmer residing at Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, Pa.; Abbie, deceased, who was the wife of Isaac Ward; Polly, deceased, who was the wife of Smith Lockwood, of Connecticut; Mary Ann, deceased, who was united in marriage to Rufus Lonsburg of Connecticut; Clarinda, deceased, who wedded William Douglas of Lovelton, Pa.; Martha, widow of the late William T. Adams of Lovelton, Pa.; and Electa, deceased, who was the wife of Edwin Lewis.

Simeon Ferris, father of our subject, was born in Stamford, Conn., August 12, 1809, and during his boyhood days he worked with his father, learning the shoemaker's trade, which he followed in Sussex County, N. J.,

until 1836, when he moved to Mahoopany, Wyoming County, Pa. He purchased a tract of land and engaged in general farming the rest of his active days. In religious views he was a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Church. He exerted a great influence for the good of the church and might be called the father of the Mahoopany Methodist Church. He entered the world of rest March 7, 1875. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock to Holy Ann June, and a family of twelve children blessed their home, namely: Appollos, who was born at Wanaque, N. J., June 14, 1828, and was a stonemason and builder residing at Tunkhannock, Pa.; David L., who was born at Wanaque, N. J., February 25, 1830, and was a carpenter and builder of Tunkhannock, Pa.; Michael, born November 24, 1831, died August 12, 1860; Harriet, born at Liberty Corner, N. J., November 23, 1833, and died April 25, 1855; Eliza Jane, born at Liberty Corner, N. J., November 4, 1835, widow of the late William Labor of Tunkhannock, Pa.; Henry, born at Mahoopany, Pa., April 14, 1838, was a soldier in the Civil War, and died at Hamburg, Pa., December 25, 1861, after serving three months in Company B, 52nd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf.; Levi L., born March 11, 1840, enlisted in Company B, 52nd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., in September, 1861, and was killed May 31, 1862, in the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., by a minie ball, which struck him above the right eye; Mary Emily, born June 28, 1842, who is the widow of the late John C. Fraley of Mahoopany, Pa.; Charles, born June 13, 1844, enlisted in the same company as did his two brothers, got as far as Alexandria, Va., when he was taken sick and was sent to the camp hospital, where he died April 20, 1864; Clarissa, born in Mahoopany, April 20, 1846, who is the wife of Frank Smith, a lumberman; and our subject.



Olaf F. Ferris was reared on his father's farm and attended school until he was twenty-one years of age. He then learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed as a journeyman a number of years; later he was a contractor and builder at Nanticoke, Pa., for a period of ten years. He then embarked in the grocery business in the same town, and four years later, in 1857, he removed to his present farm, which consists of 288 acres of the best land in Briarcreek township. In addition to carrying on farming he keeps a dairy and has a herd of fifteen head of thoroughbred Jersey cattle. He also has a fine poultry yard, which contains the following variety of chickens: golden wyandottes; silver laced wyandottes; buff cochins; partridge cochins; buff leghorn; and Indian game.

Our subject is a member of the Wyoming Lodge No. 248, F. & A. M., and also is past master of the same lodge; Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., N. M. J. of Bloomsburg; Berwick Lodge, I. O. O. F., and grand past master of Warrior Run Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nanticoke, Pa.; Berwick Castle No. 20, K. of G. E.; and in religious views he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Ferris is a firm Republican and has served in the town council. January 7, 1875, he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Martha Fairchild, a daughter of the late John Fairchild, a farmer of Nanticoke, Pa. To this union four children were born: Ada A., John Horace, Martha Elizabeth, and Olaf Carleton, all of whom reside at home with their parents.

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**J**OHN G. HARMAN,\* the popular district attorney of Columbia County, is an enterprising young lawyer, who, although he has had but a few years' practice,

gives promise of future greatness. He was born in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, March 16, 1873, and is a son of Peter S. and Rebecca (Freeze) Harman. His paternal grandfather was George Harman, who was born in Northumberland County, Pa., but settled in Mifflin township, Columbia County, in 1833. Early in life he learned the trade of a tanner, and after locating in Orangeville he purchased and operated a tannery for many years. He folded his hands in final rest at the age of eighty-three years. He chose as his companion in life Mary Knorr, by whom he had a large family of children, one of whom was Peter S. Harman.

Peter S. Harman, the father of our subject, when thirteen years of age left the parental roof to make his way in the world. He learned the trade of a molder, serving an apprenticeship under Louis H. Maus of Bloomsburg, after which he followed that occupation as a journeyman for two years in several cities in the West. Upon returning East he located in Philadelphia, where for three years he was engaged in the same line of work. He conducted a machine shop and foundry at Mahanoy for three years. He then moved to Bloomsburg and formed a partnership with B. F. Sharpless, and they conducted a foundry for four years, after which he conducted it alone for two years. In 1875, in company with George Hassert, a skilled mechanic, Mr. Harman bought the old Barton farm, upon which they erected a building and began the manufacture of stoves, plows, and mining cars. Their success was immediate and the business grew with such rapidity that it was necessary to enlarge the plant in 1879, and they have since given employment to sixty hands the year around. It is one of the principal industries in the vicinity. When the elevator works failed, Mr. Harman was one of the

first to advance the necessary capital to place it on its feet again and revive the business interests of the town. He purchased a house and lot of John Penman on Iron street and built a fine residence, in which he and his family have since resided. In 1856 he married Rebecca Freeze, a daughter of James and Frances (Goss) Freeze, and they became the happy parents of seven children, a record of whom is as follows: Frank F., who died at the age of five years; Howard F., who died at the age of three; Grace, the wife of Daniel Butler; Fanny, wife of William E. Hartman; Jennie, who married Amos H. Stroh; James Lee, who married Jessie Kimble, was an apprentice to the trade of a molder, but is now the bookkeeper of his father's firm; Mary, who is at home; John G., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; and Paul Z., a student at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Politically Mr. Harman was originally a Whig, but is now an unswerving Republican; he has served on the town council for three terms and has been president of it for four years. Religiously he is a liberal supporter of the Episcopal Church. He is very prominent socially, being past master of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., past high priest of Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; past E. M. T. commander of Crusade Commandery, No. 12; Knights Templar; and V. G. treasurer of Zerrubabel Council, P. of J.

John G. Harman, after completing the required course in the public schools, attended the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, from which institution he graduated with the class of 1891. He then read law under Col. John G. Freeze, one of the most distinguished lawyers of Columbia County, and was admitted to the bar in May, 1894. He immediately was taken in as a partner to his former preceptor, Col. Freeze, and they have since prac-

ticed together. Being an earnest and eloquent pleader, our subject rose rapidly in his chosen profession to a position of prominence. In September, 1896, he was appointed district attorney to succeed T. B. Hanley. He completed the term of office in a satisfactory manner, and January 1, 1897, was elected to that office, which he has creditably filled since.

Mr. Harman was united in hymeneal bonds to Mary Sherwood, daughter of H. G. Sherwood of Bloomsburg, who is loved by a large circle of friends for her many estimable traits of character.

REV. GEORGE J. BRECKEL,\* who is faithfully discharging the duties of pastor of St. Joseph's Church of Milton, Northumberland County, Pa., and of St. Michael's Church at Sunbury, is a man in whom every member of his parish unhesitatingly reposes confidence, and one whom everybody esteems. He is a son of Francis and Mary Annie (Klute) Breckel, and was born in Lancaster, Pa., September 8, 1870.

Francis Breckel, the father of our subject, was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, September 1, 1824, and after receiving a good education learned the trade of a baker. He soon after came to America and located in Philadelphia, and subsequently in Lancaster, Pa., where he followed his trade, after some time entering business on his own account. He contracted what is known as baker's consumption and was obliged to give up his bakery, but he purchased a small piece of land in the suburbs, on which he erected a home, and there lived until his death, March 9, 1875. Politically he was a Democrat. He was united in marriage with Mary Annie Klute, who was born in the town of Olendorf.

Armsberg, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, December 25, 1825. She was left an orphan at an early age and came to this country, making her home at Lancaster, where she married Mr. Breckel. Their union resulted in the following issue: Rev. Francis L.; Tressia, who died at the age of twenty-one; Mary, who died at the age of nine years; Margaret and Elizabeth, twins, who died in infancy; Sophia, wife of D. Gochenour of Lancaster; John, deceased; and George J., the subject of this biographical record.

Rev. George J. Breckel obtained his preliminary training in the parochial school at St. Joseph's, Lancaster, and was prepared for the ministry at St. Vincent's, entering in 1885, and taking a complete classical, philosophical and theological course of study. On July 16, 1896, he was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Thomas McGovern, Bishop of Harrisburg, at the Cathedral, a nephew of the Bishop being ordained at the same time. He was shortly after called to his first charge, as pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Milton and of St. Michael's at Sunbury, and has continued as such up to the present time.

Among the earliest settlers of Milton were many Catholics, and the first religious services held in the valley of the West Branch were held by them immediately after the close of the Revolutionary War. They were held in an old log hut which was erected for that purpose on the farm of Martin Kieffer, and it is recorded that some of the old Catholics of Turbot township were buried there as far back as 1787. A missionary priest occasionally visited the settlement to celebrate mass, instruct and baptize the children, and preach the word of God to the little congregation, thus keeping alive the spark of Catholic faith in the hearts of those pioneer families. About four acres of land for parochial and burial purposes

were deeded to Rev. Francis Neale of Georgetown, D. C., by John and Margaret Kieffer May 13, 1805, adjoining the place of worship, which was destroyed by fire May 14, 1880. On March 1, 1882, Father Ganss, who was then pastor, bought the property previously known as the old Academy Hill, lying south and east of the old parochial residence built by his predecessor, and upon the exact site of the academy he erected the present church at a total expense of \$10,000. He subsequently laid out the grounds in lawns and terraces, and the property is now one of the handsomest in Milton. The building is in thorough harmony with the best and most approved ideas of Gothic architecture. It is conspicuously located on one of the historic spots in Milton, around which cluster many of the tenderest ties and most sacred memories of pioneer days.

St. Michael's Church at Sunbury, a mission connected with St. Joseph's parish, had its beginning in the autumn of 1863, as a result of the efforts of Rev. J. J. Koch, who had previously conducted services at the home of a Mr. McNamara, which stood on the site of the Pennsylvania depot, and in the home of John Leavy, on Fourth street. At the latter place he conducted services once every month until 1866, when he was called to Shamokin. During this time he collected subscriptions amounting to \$300, which formed the nucleus of the fund subsequently used in purchasing the property on which the church now stands. Rev. Arthur McGinnis of Danville acted as pastor during the following two years, but since that time the pastors of Milton have had charge. About this time Maj. Malone made a grand effort toward securing a permanent place of worship, and as a result of his endeavors and those of his able assistant, Rev. Michael McBride of Harrisburg, enough



money was obtained to purchase the old Methodist Church on Arch street in 1872, the purchase price amounting to \$3,500. It was at once fitted up for Catholic worship and was dedicated by Bishop Shanahan, and services have since been held there weekly. Rev. Daniel Maher succeeded Father Ganss as pastor of St. Joseph's, and he in turn was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Hayes, who was relieved by the present pastor.

Father Breckel is a learned, zealous and energetic priest, and although he has been connected with the parish but a few years, he has the entire confidence of all who have been so fortunate as to know him. He is especially popular among the younger members of the congregation and is at all times devoted to their interests and ready to encourage and foster every laudable enterprise that will advance them. In season and out of season he has been assiduous in his labors for the elevation of his flock, and all ages and conditions have been the objects of his pastoral care. Whilst there he has made improvements in many ways, and his good work, perseverance and excellent business methods have made him a host of admirers, not only among his parishioners but the people in general who appreciate the learned priest for his strict integrity. In the cause of temperance he has taken an advanced position and his work in this line has been most gratifying to him in its happy success.

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**D**AVID HOOVER,\* a retired farmer and carpenter of Snyderstown, Pa., was born in Shamokin township on the old Hoover homestead, October 16, 1846. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Lees) Hoover.

Samuel Hoover, our subject's father, was

born in Shamokin township August 26, 1806, and died February 26, 1872. His wife, Sarah (Lees) Hoover, was born in Northumberland County, November 12, 1804, and survived her husband but one month, dying March 27, 1872. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Sarah, born March 24, 1833, married William Reed, now a retired farmer, and they live at Reed's Station, Shamokin township; John, now deceased, was born August 27, 1834; Jacob, now a retired hardware merchant and farmer, was born April 11, 1836, married Ella Shrides, and lives in Bushnell, Ill.; Margaret, now deceased, was born March 13, 1836, married Lafayette Savage, who lives at Snyderstown; Mary A., born January 10, 1840, married Edison Wolverton and lives at Holton, Kansas; Louisa, now deceased, born March 28, 1842, married Lafayette Savage; Eli, born March 16, 1844, married Emma Wolverton, and lives at Riverside, Pa.; David, our subject; and Harriet, born January 31, 1849, who is single and lives in Snyderstown, Pa. All of the children were educated in the common schools. In early life Samuel Hoover was a cooper by trade and at a later period followed tanning and also engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was with his brother Joseph in the tanning business in Shamokin township for thirty years, but sold out in 1867 and bought a farm upon which he lived the remainder of his life. He was overseer of the poor and held many township offices. Socially he was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Snyderstown. He very generously gave his financial aid to the erection of the Lutheran Church of which he was a member and his good works and active life made him very well known in that part of the county.

David Hoover, our subject, received a good education in the common schools and then, at



the age of seventeen, went to Danville, Pa., where he learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it for three years. He was married February 25, 1875, to Kate Reabuck, a native of Rush township, and a daughter of John and Sallie (Ressler) Reabuck of Mahanoy township, Northumberland County. The former spent his life in agricultural pursuits and in 1851 moved to Rush township, where he now lives. Our subject and wife have one son, John Samuel, who was born November 10, 1890.

Mr. Hoover lived on his father's farm, while he also worked at the carpenter's trade, until he moved to his present home in 1898. He is the owner of one of the most beautiful homes, with all the modern improvements, in that section of the county. He commenced building it in 1866 and brought it to its final completion in 1878. He still owns the old farm of about eighty acres, which he now rents. For several years he has been a member of the school board; has served as chief burgess of Snyderstown borough; and also as overseer of the poor. In political views he is a Democrat. The Lutheran Church has found in him a worthy and active member and has honored him with many offices, which he has acceptably filled. His industry and careful dealings have made him very successful and he is considered one of the most popular and esteemed citizens of Snyderstown.

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**D**R. WALLACE JOSEPH RANDALL,\* deceased, was a gentleman widely known throughout Sullivan County, and for many years was the only practitioner of medicine in the borough of Forksville. He was a son of Orrin Randall,

and was born at Columbia Cross Roads, Bradford County, Pa., January 16, 1835.

Dr. Randall was educated in the public schools of Elmira. He took up the study of medicine with Dr. Axtel of Troy, Pa., later, being admitted to practice. He then practiced with his preceptor at Troy until about 1860, when he located at Forksville, Sullivan County, continuing there until his death. Ambitious by nature, he continued to study during practice and obtained a wonderful knowledge of medical science and great skill in the treatment of his cases. Being the only physician in that vicinity, his practice assumed vast proportions. Many of his patients lived at distant places necessitating long and hard drives almost every day, but being of exceptionally strong constitution he withstood the strain for years. His constitution finally was impaired and typhoid fever setting in he was obliged to take to his bed, but he believed that it would be but a short time before he would be about again. However, he never rallied and passed away on October 3, 1881, leaving a family and scores of friends to mourn his loss. The doctor had been very successful financially, and was the owner of large real estate interests. As rapidly as he could earn the money, he would invest it to advantage and in this he always displayed the best of judgment and unusual foresight. At the time of his death he owned the noted hotel Eagle Mere, and many acres of choice land there. He owned what is known as the John Brown farm, which he improved in many respects, making it a very valuable property. He also owned a number of large timber tracts. He purchased the John Brown residence on Bridge street in Forksville, where Mrs. Randall now resides, and in which he had his office. Just prior to his last sick-

ness he had a cellar almost completed for a new store and office building, which he planned to be built on a lot adjoining his residence. After his death Mrs. Randall carried out his plans and erected a fine business block, and also built a new house, which he expected to erect, on the farm.

Mrs. Randall was born January 26, 1843, and is a daughter of Wheeler and Hannah (Ball) Green of Hillsgrove, Pa., and her union with Dr. Randall was blessed with the following children: William F., a physician practicing at Dushore, who was born February 7, 1867, and married Della Fleming, by whom he has a son, Ralph; Esther M., born November 16, 1869, who married Rev. Charles Schaubacher, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Pennelton Center; Moses L., of Lincoln Falls, Pa., born January 22, 1873, who married Nellie Osler, and they have one son, Milton; John W., born August 8, 1876; Washington E., a drug clerk, who was born November 9, 1878; and Maude, born March 26, 1880. Socially our subject was a member of Sullivan Lodge No. 522, I. O. O. F. In politics he was a Republican; in religious belief he was liberal.

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**F**REDERICK W. V. LORENZ,\* a German of great ability and enterprise, and a civil engineer by profession, is just in the prime of life and has had quite an interesting career. He came to America in October, 1877, but remained in the United States less than one year, departing for Brazil on June 2, 1878, with some friends and a corps of men employed by Philadelphia capitalists to construct a railroad in South America. After sojourning in that tropical region for several months and having varied

and exciting experiences he decided to return to the United States, which he accordingly did in 1879. Immediately after his return he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for some time, subsequently entering the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He remained with these two companies until 1886, deciding at that time to work at his chosen profession, that of civil engineer. For several years he continued to work at engineering and surveying, and did a great deal of special work, prominent among which may be mentioned the large railroad bridge spanning Shamokin Creek and two railroads. The construction of this substantially-built bridge was in the sole charge of our subject and was built conjointly by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and Northern Central Railway Company, costing \$40,000. It is a magnificent structure and Mr. Lorenz justly deserves the reputation he secured by this piece of work. The bridge is of modern construction and contains the very best materials obtainable. Our subject located in Shamokin permanently in 1882, being called there to assist his uncle, W. Lorenz, chief engineer of the Reading system, in building the Sunbury and Shamokin division of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. During 1895 and 1896 he was city engineer of Shamokin.

Our subject was born in Burgsteinfurt, Westphalia, Germany, December 26, 1853, and is a son of Victor and Augusta (Drost) Lorenz. He received his education in the high schools and colleges of Germany.

Victor Lorenz, father of our subject, has held a high and important position in his native country, Germany, where he still resides. He has an interesting life-history and is now enjoying the comforts of an independent competency in old age and is the faithful and be-

loved friend of his employer. He was born October 15, 1833, and was educated in the schools of Germany. At the age of twenty-five years he accepted the high and honorable position of counsellor to the Prince of Bentheim Steinfurt, of the German nobility, and has held that important and lucrative position ever since; in fact, he has been in the service of the Prince for about fifty years, and the family counsellor of eight children, who love and respect him, not as their servant, but as their friend. Few can boast of having been so intimately connected with people of such rank, and our subject is justly proud of his father.

Frederick W. V. Lorenz was united in marriage, by the beautiful Episcopal service, with Clary Beury, a daughter of Christian Beury, of Shamokin, Pa., on June 25, 1884. They now have two bright and attractive daughters: Helen B., born August 30, 1885; and Nancy L., born July 17, 1887. These daughters, just entering their teens, are a source of pride and gratification to their parents, who are rearing them in accordance with the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Lorenz is a vestryman.

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**J**. SWEISFORT, D. D. S.,\* of Danville, whose handsome dental parlors is at the corner of Mills and Mahoning streets, is one of the enterprising and progressive business men of the borough. He is a son of Jonas Sweisfort, and was born in Gilbertsville, Douglas township, Montgomery County, Pa., December 19, 1839.

Jonas Sweisfort, the father of our subject, was born in the state of Pennsylvania, and early in life was the proprietor of a hotel, but later, after settling in Montgomery County,

he was largely interested in the lumber business. He married a Miss Whitman, and they reared a large family of children.

After completing his education in the public schools Dr. Sweisfort decided to adopt the profession of a dentist, and went to Philadelphia, where he began to study, but when the Civil War began he immediately enlisted in Company C, 3rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Cav. He served for three years and twenty-four days as sergeant, and after receiving his discharge returned to Philadelphia to resume his studies. Upon taking his degree as dentist he immediately entered upon a practice in Danville. He was successful and soon established a large general practice, although his greatest success has been in the manufacture of sets of false teeth and in bridge work. He is up-to-date in his methods and ranks among the first in skill and general ability; by careful and conscientious work he has built up a practice which we may safely declare with no fear of successful contradiction to be the finest in Montour County. He is actively interested in the progress and enterprise of Danville, being a member of the town council and a member of the board of trustees of the Thomas Beaver Free Library, for which he has selected and purchased nearly all of the books. In 1879 he was made a member of the national guard organization at Danville, of which he was lieutenant for many years, but later was lieutenant-colonel.

Dr. Sweisfort was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Hannah, a daughter of John Everett of Montour County, and they are the parents of two children: Lucy E., deceased; and Gussie May. Socially he is a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., and of Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R. He and his worthy wife are members of the Reformed Church.



**Z.** B. FISHER,\* whose reputation throughout Northumberland County is well established, is the proprietor of the Neversink House at Trevorton, Pa. He is a son of Valentine and Rebecca (Britton) Fisher, and was born November 21, 1849, in Berks County, Pa.

Valentine Fisher was born in Berks County, Pa., about 1825, and moved to Trevorton in 1865, where he has followed the tinner's trade during all of his active life. His wife died in 1888. They were blessed with ten children.

Z. B. Fisher, the subject of this biography, was a mere boy when his parents moved to Trevorton. At the age of sixteen he became a slate-picker, being under the employ of the Fagleys, and at the age of eighteen he began mining. Most of his experience has been as a contract miner, and he is now engaged most of the time at North Franklin Mine No. 2, with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. In 1882 he erected a fine hotel in Trevorton, now known as the Neversink House. It is a large, commodious building, three stories high, 50 foot front and 65 feet in depth. Adjoining this well-known hotel is Mr. Fisher's residence, which is also three stories high, 28 foot front and 48 feet deep. These two buildings do much to improve the appearance of the town. Politically Mr. Fisher is a Democrat and has been very active in township affairs; he was constable for two terms and overseer of the poor two terms. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. No. 528 of Trevorton; Knights of the Golden Eagle Castle No. 455; and P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 156.

Mr. Fisher married Kate Yordy, daughter of Jacob Yordy of Trevorton, Pa. For many years Mr. Yordy was justice of the peace and was postmaster in 1860. He also taught

school many years in Trevorton and in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have been blessed with nine children, as follows: Archibald; Clyde; Bert; Valentine; Mabel; and Vernon, all at home; Maud, deceased; Flora Irene; and Zephaniah.

**W.**ILLIAM Y. CRUIKSHANK,\* the popular and efficient superintendent of the casting department of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, is a skilled mechanic, who has the supervision of the work of 200 men. He was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., and is a son of James and Margaret (McFarland) Cruikshank.

James Cruikshank, the father of our subject, was a molder by trade, and followed it during his entire life. He had fifty years' experience in that line of work and, being an apt and conscientious worker, he acquired a great deal of skill. He and Margaret McFarland took the matrimonial vows and they became the parents of a family of children, one of whom is William Y., the subject of this personal history. Mrs. Cruikshank closed her eyes in final sleep at the age of forty-seven years, and her husband died at the age of seventy-three years.

William Y. Cruikshank received his education in the common schools, after which he learned the trade of a molder with his father, and soon after was appointed superintendent of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company of Lebanon. In 1894 he was called to his present position as superintendent of the casting department of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, which, when running regularly, uses from 150 to 200 tons of pig iron daily. Our subject has won the confi-



dence of his employers, who regard him as one of the most reliable and faithful men in their employ. He always pays the strictest attention to his business duties, and in private life he is always looked upon with favor and is a highly respected citizen.

Mr. Cruikshank was united in marriage to Jennie Hunter, a daughter of Alexander Hunter, and they are the proud parents of six children, as follows: William H., deceased; Alexander, a molder by trade; Mary, who married J. C. Lynn; James K. and John C., twins, who have just graduated from Berwick High School; and Margaret, deceased. In religious attachments the members of the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially our subject is a Mason.

ON. JAMES FOSTER,\* chief burgess of the borough of Danville, Montour County, and general manager of the Danville Stove Manufacturing Company, which is the largest stove company in the eastern part of the state, was born March 18, 1842, and is a son of Thompson and Eliza (Irwin) Foster.

Thompson Foster was of Scotch-Irish extraction, and was born in North Ireland. His trade was that of a blacksmith and mechanic, which he had learned during his younger days. He left his native country and came to the United States, locating in Pittsburg, Pa., where he followed his trade a short time, and then moved to Danville, Montour County, Pa. He next was connected with the mammoth blacksmith shops of the iron works of Danville, where he remained many years, when he retired from the active duties of life and moved to Philadelphia, where he died at the age of seventy-nine years. He was joined

in marriage to Elizabeth Irwin, a native of North Ireland, and they were the parents of the following children: Alexander; Elizabeth; James, the subject of this sketch; Jennie; Thompson; Thomas; and Frances. Mr. Foster served as councilman of Danville and as a director of the public schools.

Our subject received his elementary education in the public schools of Danville and then worked with his father, learning the trade of a blacksmith. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, 132d Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., for a term of nine months, but at the expiration of that time he re-enlisted and served throughout the close of the war. The most noted battles in which our subject participated were Antietam, in which he was wounded; Chancellorsville; and Fredericksburg. At the close of the war he was a member of the 194th Regiment, of which he was first lieutenant; he was honorably discharged in 1865, but again re-enlisted in the 214th Regiment, which was discharged in March, 1866. Returning to Danville, he took up his former trade, which he followed until 1882. On August 7th of that year the Danville Stove Manufacturing Company was organized, with the following officers: Henry Vincent, president; our subject, superintendent; and W. J. Baldy, treasurer. They purchased the De Long Foundry, which they operated at first on a small scale, but the business increased so rapidly they were obliged to enlarge their plant; accordingly, they erected a large five-story structure 238 feet long, and they now employ a force of 150 men. The present officers are W. B. Chamberlain, president; James Foster, general manager; J. A. Yorks, treasurer; and J. C. Lynn, secretary. Our subject is also traveling salesman, and has established agents in all the principal cities east of the Mississippi River. The company manufactures the well-known Beaver Steel

Plate Furnace, in which either bituminous or anthracite coal may be used; also parlor and cooking ranges.

James Foster was united in marriage to Mary Gulick, a native of Danville, and a daughter of Isaac Gulick, who comes from the oldest families of Montour County. The following children have blessed the home of our subject and wife: John, a prominent shoe merchant of Danville; Elizabeth; Phoebe, deceased; Jennie; Alexander, a bookkeeper; and James, deceased. Mr. Foster is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, of which he is steward and a trustee; also superintendent of the Sabbath School. He is a member of Calumet Lodge No. 279, I. O. O. F., and is a member of Goodrich Post No. 22, G. A. R., of Danville, of which order he served four years as district deputy. Our subject was one of a committee to organize the Danville Water Works and was secretary and superintendent of the same for many years. He owns a fine residence on Walnut street and other property in Danville.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON,\* mine foreman at Henry Clay Colliery at Shamokin, has occupied that important situation since the autumn of 1888. He was born in 1862 in Somersetshire, England, and is the eldest son of Silas and Jane (Gass) Thompson. He was brought to this country by his parents at the age of three years, attended the common schools until nine years of age, and then went to work in the breakers and continued until he attained the age of fifteen. For a couple of years after that he worked in and about the mines, subsequently becoming a miner, working in the Schuylkill region and other places until he became of

age, when he was promoted to fire-boss at Stanton Colliery, Gilberton, Pa. He labored in that capacity at different places until 1888, when he was appointed foreman at Henry Clay Colliery.

Silas Thompson, father of our subject, immigrated in 1865, locating at New Philadelphia, Schuylkill County, Pa., and at once engaged in mining. He subsequently worked as a miner at Shenandoah in 1869; at Gilberton in 1875; became a mine foreman in 1880 at Stanton Colliery at Gilberton; from 1884 to 1886 was operating Chumberton Colliery on a small scale; located in Shamokin in 1891 and remained there until his death in 1895. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was associated with the I. O. O. F.; Knights of Pythias; and Eagle Sons of St. Lawrence. His widow survives him. Their family consisted of three sons and three daughters, besides one who died in infancy, as follows: Alfred, subject of this sketch; Helen, wife of William Boone, of Gilberton; Carrie, widow of Jacob Turner, of St. Clair; Frederick, who died young; Willis, who resides at Shamokin and is engaged in clerking; and Viola, who is at home, the comfort of her mother, to whom she is devotedly attached.

April 3, 1889, our subject was united in marriage with Sarah A. Beese, who was born November 23, 1863, and is a daughter of Solomon and Martha (Head) Beese. Her parents are natives of Wales and immigrated to America the same year that Sarah was born, locating in St. Clair, where the aged father still resides, having followed the occupation of a miner all his life. Twice have our subject and his wife been blessed with a child and twice has the Grim Messenger deprived them of the same; first a son, George Frederick, born November 2, 1890, died July 11.

1894; secondly, Guy Daniel, born June 1, 1892; died August 2, 1892.

Mr. Thompson is a member of the Columbia Tin Company of St. Clair. He is a member of St. Clair Lodge, No. 255, I. O. O. F., and of the Elks of Shamokin.

**D**R. REUBEN HOLLENBACK,\* a leading dentist of Shamokin, Pa., is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sherry) Hollenback. He was born September 1, 1841, in Lower Augusta township, near Sunbury, Pa., where he was reared. At the age of sixteen years he began to teach school and continued in that occupation for six years, teaching in Coal township and Shamokin.

While teaching our subject took up the study of the dental profession under the tutelage of Dr. B. F. Van Boskirk of Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa. He entered the Pennsylvania Dental College in Philadelphia in 1877, and after graduating from that institution removed to Shamokin where he since has resided and has continuously practiced his profession, now possessing a large clientage which he has secured by the excellence of his dental work, his uniform courtesy and his painstaking effort to keep abreast with every progressive and modern method in dentistry.

Politically our subject is a staunch Republican and has for years been active in the interest of his party. He has been a member of the common council of Shamokin, in which he now represents the Third Ward, and he served for one year as president of the body. Dr. Hollenback never sought public office, excepting when he yielded to the wishes of his many friends and consented to become a councilman. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church.

Our subject twice has been married, his first marriage being to Dorothea, daughter of Michael M. Sober, who resided in the Irish Valley, Northumberland County. Mrs. Dorothea Hollenback died October 24, 1887, leaving three children, as follows: William S., who is a resident of Reading, Pa., and a piano-tuner by occupation; Hudson, a dentist practicing in Mount Carmel, Pa., who graduated from the Pennsylvania Dental College in Philadelphia in 1891; and Edwin E., also a dentist, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Dental College from which he received his diploma in 1892, then engaging in practice with his father until 1898, when he established an independent office in Shamokin, Pa. Dr. Reuben Hollenback was married December 6, 1888, to Savilla, daughter of William Fidler of Shamokin, and to them have been born two children, Harry Franklin, aged eight years, and Flora Lillian, aged six years.

Dr. D. S. Hollenback, brother of our subject, a prominent physician and surgeon of Shamokin, was born May 26, 1836, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland County, being the eldest son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sherry) Hollenback. He was educated in the township schools and at Freeburg Academy, subsequently studied medicine in the office of Dr. Eyster, now of Sunbury, Pa., and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, in April, 1864. Soon after his graduation from Jefferson College Dr. Hollenback entered upon the practice of medicine and surgery in Shamokin, where he since has resided and has become one of the leading practitioners of the county. He married Clara, daughter of Isaac Sober of Shamokin township, and to them has been born one child, William W. Dr. Hollenback is an ardent Republican, but never has been a seeker of office and has held only one public position.



that of director of the poor, which he most acceptably filled in 1876. Dr. Hollenback is a leading member of St. John's Reformed Church of Shamokin. He is widely known as one of the oldest practitioners of medicine in Northumberland County that are now actively engaged in their profession.

JOHN J. WEBSTER\* is one of the largest lumber dealers of Sullivan County and is practically a resident of Estella, Elkland township, Sullivan County, Pa., where he owns a handsome residence, a large and well improved farm and other valuable property; he is temporarily located, however, in Forks township. He is the eldest son of Jonathan and Harriet (Blakeley) Webster, and was born at White Deer Creek, Montour County, Pa., October 8, 1836.

Jonathan Webster was born in England, where he learned the weaver's trade. Coming to this country he located at Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade for a short time. Being a skilled and successful workman he soon obtained a more lucrative situation in a large woolen factory at White Deer Creek. By unceasing labor and close economy he saved a considerable sum of money which he invested in land, which at that time was very cheap. He purchased 100 acres in Elkland township, where his son William now resides. In summer, by patience and great effort, he slowly cleared the timber from the land that he might cultivate the soil. Out of the logs he built a log house, where he and his wife lived in true pioneer fashion. In winter he worked at his trade for Thomas Engham at Monroeton.

In this way by unceasing toil in both summer and winter he was soon able to build larger and more substantial buildings, the

same now standing on the farm. In his house he put up a loom on which, during spare time, he wove cloth for his family, and also for his neighbors. He made a specialty of weaving handsome shawls, which were a source of wonder and delight to all his neighbors and friends; thus he was more prosperous than many in his vicinity and accumulated a nice property, the benefits of which he enjoyed to the day of his death, which occurred on the farm at the age of seventy-three. His religious life was based upon the doctrines of the Anglican Church. He was a Whig in politics and later a Republican. His wife died at the home of our subject in 1896, aged eighty-four years. Their children were: John J., the subject of our sketch; George, now deceased, who served in the Union Army in the Rebellion; Ellen, deceased; William, of Elkland township; Jonathan, who was killed in the War of the Rebellion; James, of Sugar Run; Elizabeth, now deceased; and Marsden of Bradford County.

John J. Webster was brought to Elkland township by his parents when he was six months old. There he was reared as a farmer and at the age of twenty-one bought eighty acres of the George Molyneux tract near what is now Estella, it being at that time an untouched wilderness. There he built a small boarding-house and kept a country tavern, at the same time commencing the work of clearing his farm. This venture was so successful that eighty acres more of the same tract were added to his farm. Being a man of energy and enterprise he was desirous of obtaining the most possible good from the natural resources of his land, so he built a saw-mill on his grounds and manufactured lumber from the timber in his own forest, also sawing for his neighbors who came from miles around bringing logs to his saw-mill. After years



of toil and industry he succeeded in improving his farm to his own taste and now enjoys the honor and distinction of being one of the most prominent agriculturists in his section of the state.

One of the noted features of this elegant farm is a fine apple orchard of 150 trees. Mr. Webster has given the care of this splendid farm of 160 acres to a tenant, for he is so busily engaged elsewhere that it is impossible for him to give his personal attention to farming; he realizes, however, that much more money can be made in the lumber business than in farming, consequently he is extensively engaged in lumbering on the large tracts of timber land owned by the Union Tanning Company in Forks township.

Mr. Webster has been twice married. His first wife was Jane Kaye, daughter of William Kaye of Elkland township. She died about the age of twenty-five leaving four children: Carrie, who married Frank May and is the mother of seven children, Bertha, Millie, George, Lloyd, Merton, Dorothy, Lorine; Charles G., who married Ella Brown and has five children, George, John, Seth, Della, and Blanche; Anna, who married A. F. Molyneux, and also has five children, Tina, Revival, Ada, Walter and Wetsel; and Walter, a carpenter and wagon-maker by trade. Mr. Webster's second wife was Mrs. Catherine Campbell, daughter of Samuel Norton and widow of Henry Campbell. Mrs. Campbell had two children by her first husband, viz.: Jennie, who married George Morton and bore him two children, Essie and Nellie; Irene, who married Lyman Caufer, and also had two children, Katie and Violet.

Our subject and his second wife have been blessed with a family of five children, three sons and two daughters, namely, Merton, who married Rosa Brown, and had a family of

seven children, Fanny, May, Helen, Frank and Frances, twins, and Georgie and George, also twins, now deceased; Nellie; and Harry. Few men many years older than our subject can boast of such a numerous family of children and grandchildren. Mr. Webster is a leading spirit in the Methodist Church and has served as a member of the building committee ever since joining the church. Politically he is a Republican, and has served in many township offices and one term as county commissioner. Socially he is past grand of Sullivan Lodge No. 522, I. O. O. F.; also a member and past president of the Elkland Grange.

**A** B. COTNER.\* Among the citizens of Upper Augusta township the gentleman whose biography we write occupies a prominent position among the prosperous and enterprising farmers of Northumberland County, Pa. He was born in Liberty township, Montour County, Pa., in 1835, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Steen) Cotner.

The Cotner family is of German extraction, and was founded in this country by our subject's grandfather, who was a native of Germany. He located in Muncy, Pa., where he resided until his death, being killed by Indians; he was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Daniel Cotner was born at Muncy, Pa., but when he grew to manhood he moved to Derby township, Montour County, Pa., where he bought a large tract of land and carried on farming. Later he moved to Liberty township, Montour County, where he resided until his death. He was an earnest and public-spirited citizen, possessing many friends, and his death was deeply lamented by hosts of acquaintances. He was joined in marriage with

Elizabeth Stein by whom he reared a family of eight children, namely: John, who died young; David, deceased, was a farmer, and his wife was Sarah McGee; Daniel, who is a farmer of Montour County and was united in marriage with Mary Worlina; A. B., our subject; Susan, who wedded Daniel Moyer, and both are now deceased; Barbara Ann, wife of Robert Lyons of Upper Augusta township; Catherine, wife of Emery Johnson, a farmer of Hastings, Mich.; and Marion, deceased.

Our subject obtained a common school education and remained at home working on the homestead until he was twenty-four years of age, and after his marriage he conducted the homestead for seven years on his own account. Selling out in 1866, he purchased his present property, known as the Henry Gulick homestead, where our subject's wife has resided all her life with the exception of seven years. Ninety-seven acres constitute the homestead, all of which has been put under a fine state of cultivation by our subject, and substantial outbuildings erected. In 1874 the present commodious barn was erected, and in 1886 he built his present home, a beautiful two-story brick house, containing both hot and cold water throughout, and all the other modern improvements. Mr. Cotner is a typical farmer, and the general appearance of his home and surroundings tends to show that he is a careful, industrious and progressive man.

Mr. Cotner and Margaret Gulick were happily united in the bonds of matrimony January 15, 1859. Her parents were Henry and Catherine (Eckman) Gulick, both natives of New Jersey, and were farmers of Upper Augusta township; they are both now deceased. They reared five children, namely: Charles, a farmer who was first married to Rose Smith and after her death wedded Julia Grady; Samuel, who also lives in Upper Augusta township;

Mary, and Margaret, the wife of our subject, were twins,—Mary was wedded to Daniel Cotner, and both are deceased; and Niona, deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cotner was blessed by the birth of six children, as follows: Charles, a farmer of Rush township, who wedded Ellen Moore; Daniel, a prosperous lumberman of Sunbury, Pa., who was joined in hymeneal bonds with Stella Campbell; Henry a resident of Danville, Pa., who married Daisy Gonsar; Alfreda, who died aged five years; George, who assists his father, married Ella Gulick; and Minnie. Politically our subject takes an active interest in advancing the principles advocated by the Democratic party and is a free silver man. He has been elected a member of the board of school directors and overseer of the poor, the duties of which positions he faithfully and honestly discharged. Mr. Cotner is a member and regular attendant of the Presbyterian Church.

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**G**ENERAL GEORGE W. BIGGER,\* blacksmith of Muncy Valley, Sullivan County, Pa., deserves to be called a self-made man, and is held in high esteem by all who have business relations with him. He was born in Franklin township, Lycoming County, Pa., in 1843, and is a son of James and Catherine (Race) Bigger, and a grandson of William Bigger. The latter was reared by his uncle, James Bigger, and was in his early manhood engaged in teaching district schools for a living. Not being satisfied to devote his life to educational purposes alone, he learned the glass-blower's trade, moved to Eagle's Mere, Sullivan County, Pa., and worked at his trade for several years; again the desire for a change overpowered him, and having been economical and saved some

money, he purchased a farm, now owned by Jacob Dubler. There he lived and died, leaving two children, Margaret Hester and James. To the latter he bequeathed his farm.

James Bigger, father of our subject, was born in Yates County, N. Y., near Dundee. He, like his father, also, taught school when a young man, afterwards turning his attention to agricultural pursuits on the farm he inherited. Catherine Race, daughter of Abraham Race of Franklin township, became his wife; she persuaded Mr. Bigger to sell the homestead, which he did, removing to Lycoming County. There he lived for a number of years, a highly esteemed and respected farmer, when he died while yet in the prime of life and in the vigor of his manhood, at the age of fifty-two years. He left his wife and ten children to mourn his demise. The children are, respectively: Robert, George W. (our subject), James, Lafayette, Garrett, Margaret, Marion, Henrietta, and Cynthia. Our subject's mother contracted a second matrimonial alliance with Mr. Henry Converse, and after his death, a third, with F. P. Meyers, also now deceased. She died August 23, 1897, aged eighty-two years, one month and twenty-eight days.

G. W. Bigger spent the days of his boyhood attending both public and private schools, leading the life most genial to a lad full of youthful spirits. He started out in life for himself by working in a saw-mill where he learned the art of manufacturing lumber. He soon became a contractor. He and his brother took lumbering jobs in Columbia County for John Wygett, in Lycoming County for E. Lyons and others. Reared on a farm, the freedom of farm life had such a fascination for our subject that he quit the lumbering business and began farming, which occupation he followed uninterruptedly for twelve years; al-

though he found farming profitable, he realized that more money could be made in the lumber business, so he erected a saw-mill of his own at Eagle's Mere where he carried on an extensive lumbering business for four years, and reaped handsome profits. Wishing to invest his earnings safely where he could net good returns without the labor connected with the saw-mill he removed to Muncy Valley, bought a comfortable home, formerly the D. C. Stephen's property, and became a dealer in agricultural implements. Soon after locating there he was offered the foremanship of the blacksmith department of the Union Tannery Trust Company, which position he accepted and has retained for the past four years, a fitting compliment to his proficiency in filling it. Gen. Bigger finds this position not only lucrative but it interferes in no way with his former business, that of dealing in implements, which he still continues. He was united in marriage to Ida A. Worthing, the affable and accomplished daughter of Henry B. Worthing, of Lycoming County, Pa., which union was blessed with seven children: Nellie E., who wedded T. J. Schug, of Muncy Valley, whose home is blessed with two bright children, Leon and Paul; Elinor, wife of David Kassinger, who occupies a position in a planing mill at Gaines, Tioga County, Pa.—their home is also blessed with two bright-eyed little ones, Pearl and a baby; Edmond; Bradley; Hurley D.; Harold; and Ransom D., who are at the old home, where they assist their worthy parents in every possible way and add much to the joys of life. Gen. Bigger takes great interest in educational matters and has been school director for three years. He is a Republican, and is training his boys in the same political belief. Both he and his estimable wife are willing workers in the Methodist



Church. Our subject has an honorable military record. In 1863 he enlisted in Company E, 43rd Regiment Pa. Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged. He re-enlisted in 1864 in Company E, 209th Pa., being discharged at the close of the Civil War the following year. Thus we leave our subject, now scarcely past the prime of life.

DR. ELISHA W. M. LOW,\* who, with his brother, George L. Low, forms the firm of Low Bros., which is extensively engaged in the lime business at Lime Ridge, Center township, Columbia County, Pa., is also the owner of large landed interests and is one of the prominent business men of the county. He is a son of Isaac and Maria (Miller) Low, and was born in Briar-creek township, Columbia County, Pa., September 9, 1829.

The Low family was established in America by three brothers, who came from Holland, the land of their nativity, one locating in New Jersey, another in New York State, and the third, the direct ancestor of our subject, near Muncy, Pa., on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. It is not certain as to whether he was the great-great-grandfather of our subject or the great-grandfather.

John Low, the grandfather of our subject, followed the trade of a weaver, and throughout life resided on Muncy Hills, near Muncy, Pa. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and held the rank of a captain. He was twice married and was the progenitor of a large family of children.

Isaac Low, our subject's father, was born near Muncy, Pa., April 2, 1802, and was the youngest child born to his parents. At an early age he moved to Columbia County, and

for the first two years was employed by Jesse and John Bowman, two very prominent business men of that section at that time. He later became a partner with them, purchasing a team, with which he hauled produce to Philadelphia and New York City and store goods on the return trip. He continued at that line of work for two years. He married Maria Miller, a daughter of Abraham Miller, a farmer and a large land-owner in Briar-creek and Center townships. He then moved upon a farm near Berwick, and a short time after he and the Bowman brothers purchased the entire estate of Abraham Miller from the latter's heirs. This property consisted of a large farm and mill property near Berwick and a farm of 308 acres at Lime Ridge. They conducted their business jointly for some years, but as the Bowmans were well advanced in years they wished to reduce their business responsibilities and asked for a division of the property, allowing Mr. Low the choice of estates. He selected the 308 acres at Lime Ridge, part of which was cleared, and a tract of timber land on which the well-known limestone quarries are now situated. He devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits, dying on the old homestead, May 27, 1847. He was a man of great industry, and through his own unaided efforts he attained great success. He was originally a Jacksonian Democrat in his political belief, but later in life became a Whig, being a candidate on the ticket of that party for the Legislature. Religiously he was a consistent Methodist, being one of the pioneers of that faith in Columbia County. His marriage was blessed by the birth of ten children, namely: Thomas, who died in boyhood; Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of H. E. Freace; Elisha W. M.; Charles, deceased, who was a merchant of Orangeville; Mary F., the wife of H. C. Bar-



ton, a farmer on the old Low homestead at Lime Ridge; George L., deceased, who was a member of the firm of Low Bros., lime merchants of Lime Ridge; Maria Emily, deceased, who married John Nicely of Shickshinny, Pa.; Alice, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. Rittenhouse of Williamsport, Pa.; and Thomas B., who died at Army Square Hospital, Washington, D. C., March 8, 1864, as a result of a combination of diseases which he contracted while in the service. He was a member of the 84th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and actively participated in many important battles. At the battle of Chancellorsville he was captured by the enemy, but fortunately made his escape a short time after. He was a member of the Invalid Corps at Gettysburg, and as a result of exposure and poor treatment he contracted typhoid fever, from which he never recovered, dying at the age of twenty years and thirteen days.

Dr. Elisha W. M. Low was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools and in Dickinson Seminary, from which he graduated in 1854. He soon after took up the study of medicine with Dr. F. C. Harrison, a practicing physician of Bloomsburg, and graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania March 6, 1857. It was his intention to go to South America and there take up the practice of his profession, but he did not, as he had made financial investments in Columbia County which required attention. He and his brother, George L., established the firm of Low Bros., lime merchants of Lime Ridge, and they soon commanded a large business, shipping lime extensively all over the country. George L. Low has since died, but our subject carries on the business under the old name. He is a large landowner, having two good farms in Center township, one in Bloomsburg,

and owns considerable farm land in Kansas and Nebraska. He is identified with many thriving enterprises in different sections of Columbia County; has been a director of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg for the past twenty-five years, and has served as its president since 1893. He has also been a trustee of the Danville Asylum for the Insane for a number of years. He has been an energetic and untiring worker and has forced his way to a prominent place among the influential citizens of the county, acquiring the esteem and respect of all with whom he is acquainted.

In June, 1861, he was joined in hymeneal bonds with Rebecca Hill, who also comes of a very prominent family of the county, by whom he has had nine children: Elmer E., a member of the firm of Low Bros.; Banks, who died at the age of six months; Helen May, at home; Elizabeth, who is at home; George L., a bookkeeper of Bloomsburg; Mary, who died in early womanhood; Alice; Thomas Hill; and John Vincent, who resides at home. Socially our subject is a 32nd Degree Mason. In religious attachments he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a director and ex-president of the Mountain Grove Methodist Camp Meeting Association. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg.

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**J**OHN T. THOMAS,\* inside-foreman of the Cameron Colliery, holds one of the most important foremanships in the Seventeenth Congressional District and the anthracite region. To give an adequate idea of the responsibility of this position we will

mention that he has under his supervision six assistants and eight fire-bosses; this colliery gives employment to over 1,200 hands, and the daily output is between 1,400 and 1,500 tons. The miners work from eight to ten veins of coal. Mr. Thomas has been in and about the mines since he was ten years old, occupying many important positions, and is thoroughly acquainted with the responsibilities of his position. He was appointed inside-foreman on February 22, 1896, and has discharged the duties of his office exceptionally well.

Our subject was born April 25, 1854, in Carmarthinshire, at Ponta Barton, Wales, and is a son of Thomas and Rachel (Jones) Thomas. He received only a few months' schooling in Wales, but entered the mines of that country when only ten years old, and continued to work at mining until he immigrated to America, locating at once in Shamokin, where he soon secured employment about the mines. For three years he was fire-boss at Henry Clay Colliery, after which he occupied a similar position for two years at the Garfield Colliery, which is now closed. In 1893 he was promoted to assistant-foreman of the Cameron Colliery, and served in that capacity for three years, when he was appointed to his present position.

The father of our subject was a miner in Wales, being an outside-foreman and checkweigher. He immigrated to this country one year after the arrival here of our subject, locating in Shamokin. He has worked about the mines ever since. His family then consisted of our subject, three other sons, and three daughters. One brother, Benjamin, is now dead. Those living are John T., our subject; Rachel, now the wife of David Thomas of Luzerne County, Pa.; Sarah Ann, wife of Enoch Edmonds, of Shamokin; William, who

is still a bachelor, editor of the Shamokin Daily Herald, a bright and spicy paper; Mary Jane, wife of Theodore Berry, of Shamokin; and Thomas F., who is employed in the mines.

Benjamin Thomas, brother of our subject, was a young man who was well-known and exceedingly popular, taking a prominent part in educational and musical matters in Shamokin. He was highly educated and, prior to his death, he was principal of the Shamokin High School. He died in 1897.

Our subject was married January 15, 1879, and has three bright and attractive children: David J., aged fifteen years; Benjamin, ten years old; and Emrys, aged six years. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Presbyterian Church, being leader of the choir as well as chorister of the Sunday School. In 1897 he organized the Mozart Glee Club, which consists of from twenty-five to thirty male voices. Fraternally he is a member of the Shamokin blue lodge No. 255, F. & A. M.

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**F**RANCIS H. KOHLBRAKER.\* Another well-known and prominent citizen of Shamokin is the superintendent of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. His companionable traits and sterling worth are fairly attested in his having been with his present employers since 1871, when he entered their employ as an engineer; in 1887 he was promoted to outside-foreman and served faithfully in that position until 1897, when he was promoted to his present lucrative position. His superintendency includes the Luke Fidler and Cameron collieries, all in close proximity to Shamokin. These collieries are the largest in that section of the anthracite

region of Pennsylvania, and furnish employment to a force of 2,200 hands. Mr. Kohlbraker's life from boyhood has been spent in the mining regions, and, being of a careful and observing nature, has made this business a life-long study, has thoroughly analyzed every detail, and is well fitted to discharge his duties acceptably to his employers.

George Kohlbraker, father of our subject, was a native of Germany, and came to America about 1849, locating near Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa. Having learned the carpenter's trade in Germany, he followed it for some time after coming to this country. He removed from Pottsville to Shamokin in 1857 and worked about the mines, partly at his trade and in the mines for some time, and then accepted the position of foreman at the mines in the vicinity of Shamokin. He faithfully performed his duties for twenty years, when he was deprived of life by an accident. He died in 1880, at the age of fifty-two years. He was a zealous Democrat and an active worker in the interest of his party; he also took an active part in educational affairs, serving as school director for a number of years. He was a devout Catholic. He was united in marriage with Mary Banman, a native of Switzerland, who came to America with her father, John Banman, who located in Pottsville, and also followed mining. Our subject's mother lived to be about sixty years old and was the mother of twelve children, four boys and eight girls.

Francis H. Kohlbraker was born December 15, 1856, near Pottsville, Pa., and was educated in the public schools of Shamokin. While a boy he found employment about the mines as a slate-picker and later in life became an engineer, and worked for individual employers until he entered the employ of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company in the

same capacity. Truly he has made himself what he now is, an honored and esteemed citizen.

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**D**R. HOWARD S. CHRISTIAN,\* an experienced and skilled physician and surgeon, commands a large and lucrative practice in Millville and the immediate vicinity. He is a son of Jacob and Martha (Smith) Christian, and was born in Pine township, Columbia County, February 11, 1862. His grandfather was John Christian, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Pine township, locating upon the estate which has since been known as the family homestead and is now owned by Judson, a brother of the gentleman whose record we write. John was an extensive farmer and lumberman and was successful in his many business ventures. He was a member and for many years an officer of the Baptist Church, helping to establish the first Baptist Church in Pine township. He was the father of two sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob, the father of our subject; John; Mary (Rantz); and Rebecca (Derr).

Jacob Christian was born in Madison township, Columbia County, June 12, 1825, and succeeded his father as owner of the homestead farm, which he successfully cultivated for many years. He also operated a saw and chopping mill on the property and was a very prosperous man, earning a handsome competency. He was a faithful worker in the Baptist Church, in which he held many offices. He was united in matrimonial bonds to Martha Smith, a daughter of Charles Smith, a native of Massachusetts and a wagon maker of Bloomsburg, and they became the parents of seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Theodore, deceased, a carpenter of Jackson



township; John C., a merchant of Millville; Thomas H., deceased, who was a physician of Beacham, Pa.; Judson J., who is a farmer and miller on the old homestead; Ella M., the wife of Arthur Cole, a lumberman of Sereno, Pa.; William B., a lumberman of Millville; Dr. Howard S., our subject; Dr. Justin L., a practicing physician of Lopez, Sullivan County, Pa.; and Richard E.

Dr. Howard S. Christian, after obtaining a good English education in Greenwood Seminary at Millville, taught school for two winters in that locality. He then began the study of medicine under the tutelage of the late Dr. A. P. Heller of Millville. He then took a course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md., from which institution he graduated in the class of 1887. He then took a special course in operative surgery, and after becoming proficient in that branch of his profession, entered upon his first practice at Millville, in April, 1887. He made friends rapidly and soon established an enduring reputation as a physician competent to treat the most complicated cases. He is of kind and gentle disposition and is not only the physician to his many patients but is their close friend as well.

On September 15, 1892, Dr. Christian was joined in hymeneal bonds to Julia E. Eves, by whom he has one bright and interesting young son, Joseph H. Mrs. Christian comes of one of the oldest and best known families of Madison township, and is a daughter of Joseph W. and granddaughter of John K. Eves. John K. Eves was a son of Chandler Eves, a record of whose life may be found in the sketch of Ellis Eves, his grandson, which appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies. John K. Eves was born on the old Eves estate in Madison township, December 15, 1802, and spent most of his life following the occupation of a farmer in Greenwood township where he

was a prominent man. He was a member of the Society of Friends. He married Sarah Whitacre, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Adlum) Whitacre, by whom he had six daughters and one son, namely: Catherine; Rachel; Mary; Ann; Sarah; Joseph W., the father of our subject's wife; Hannah; and Eleanor S. Joseph W. Eves was reared on the farm and obtained his intellectual training in the public schools and at Greenwood Seminary at Millville; he then took a course of study and became a surveyor by profession, which he followed for many years in connection with farming. He also dealt in real estate until 1870, when he moved to Millville, where he has since resided. Like his forefathers he is a consistent member of the Society of Friends. March 31, 1864, he married Sarah Warner, a daughter of James and Julia A. Warner of Muncy, Pa., and they had one daughter, Julia E., who is the wife of Dr. Christian.

Politically Dr. Christian is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party and is now a member of the borough council. In religious standing and fellowship he is a member of the Baptist Church. Socially he is a member and ex-president of the Columbia County Medical Society; and is a charter member and past grand of Millville Lodge No. 809, I. O. O. F.

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**B**ENJAMIN FRANKLIN FRUIT,\* an honored and highly respected citizen of Jerseytown, Pa., who has been living in retirement since 1880, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Buffa'o Valley, Pa. Our subject is a son of John and Nancy (Bower) Fruit, and was born in Fruits-town, now White Hall, Montour County, Pa., May 29, 1826.



Our subject's great-grandfather, John Fruit, was a native of Ireland, who, in the hope of bettering his financial condition in life and of procuring a home for his children, immigrated to the undeveloped and unoccupied lands of this country prior to the Revolutionary War. He settled in Buffalo Valley, near Lewistown, Pa., where he was one of the pioneer farmers of that section. He was the father of a large family of children, most of whom located in Buffalo Valley where they also engaged in the cultivation of the soil. John Fruit, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Buffalo Valley and during his younger days aided his father in clearing his farm. After continuing farming a number of years in that section he moved to what was then known as Fruitstown, now White Hall, Montour County; there he engaged in general merchandising the rest of his active days. Mr. Fruit was inspector of the state militia during the Black Hawk War. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife was Ellen Clark, a native of Buffalo Valley, by whom he raised a large family of children.

John Fruit, our subject's father, was his parents' oldest child and was born in Buffalo Valley; when he grew to manhood he moved to Jerseytown where he was engaged in the hotel business many years. Later he bought a farm in Madison township and was engaged in tilling the soil the rest of his life, with the exception of filling a county office, when he resided in Danville, the county seat. In 1834 he was elected treasurer of what was then Columbia and Montour counties, and in 1840 he was elected sheriff. He was a strong Democrat in politics and a leader in his county; religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian Church of which he was a consistent supporter. He was united in marriage to Nancy Bower, a daughter of John Bower, a native of

Berks County, Pa., but a farmer of Derry township, Montour County. Four sons and two daughters were the results of this union, namely: Benjamin F., the subject of this personal history; Dr. Richard, deceased, late a physician of Hazleton, Pa.; John, deceased, was a practicing physician of Buckhorn, Pa.; Catherine, who resides at Hazleton, Pa.; Robert, deceased, who was a well-to-do farmer of Liberty township, Montour County, Pa.; and Jennie, the wife of John Jiles of Hazleton, Pa. Our subject's father passed from this life in 1875 at the age of seventy-five years.

Benjamin Franklin Fruit was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools of his native township and the high school at Danville; in 1849 he was employed as manager of the store owned by the Cool & Lochard Company, of Beaver Meadows, Carbon County, Pa. After remaining six years in their service he took a trip prospecting through Iowa and other Western States; returning to his native township he purchased the old homestead of his father, and carried on general farming for several years. He next took a position as manager of a store at Ebervale, Luzerne County, Pa. Six years later he embarked in the hotel business in Carbon County, Pa., and continued that line of business eight years, when he moved to Hazleton, Pa., where he remained until 1878. During that time he purchased a farm near Buckhorn, Hemlock township, and another in Madison township, Columbia County. Our subject next resided in Bloomsburg for two years, and then removed to Jerseytown, where he has since lived in retirement, with the exception of looking after his real estate.

Mr. Fruit is a stanch Democrat in politics and has frequently been delegate to county and state conventions. He was united in mar-

riage to Sarah Hendershot, a daughter of John Hendershot, a carpenter and farmer residing in Madison township. Our subject and wife are the parents of three children, only one of whom is living: Charles H., a resident of Jerseytown, who married Emma Swisher, a daughter of the late Dr. Thomas J. Swisher, and they have reared two daughters, Sarah and Margaret.

ISAAC MAY, Sr.,\* a worthy and highly respected citizen of Shamokin, Coal township, Pa., was born in Cornwall, England, March 18, 1820. His grandfather, James May, lived and died in Cornwall, and his father, Joseph May, was reared there also but immigrated to the United States in 1839, coming direct to the coal regions of Pennsylvania, but removed to Canada in 1841, locating about forty miles from Toronto in the county and township of Wilber. The remainder of his life was passed in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring on his farm in Canada. He married Anna George, also a native of England, and their family consisted of seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: James, who died in Schuylkill County, Pa.; William, who died at Mineral Point, Wis.; Isaac, the subject of this sketch, and only surviving member of the family of children; Joseph, who died in Wilber County, Canada; Thomas G., who died in Shamokin; Mary Ann, who married William Luke and died in Canada in 1895; Elizabeth, who married Wel-field Lee and also died in Canada.

Isaac May, Sr., had very little opportunity to obtain an education. His parents were the owners of a little farm in Cornwall and he was put to the necessity of helping maintain the family. He came with his parents to

Schuylkill County, Pa., and when they removed to Canada two years later, he remained in that county, declaring he had come to the United States to live and would not return to British soil. He engaged in mining in Schuylkill County for a period of nine years, afterward serving as mine foreman for individual companies for several years. He then went into business for himself, owning and operating a mine at Middleport until 1853, when he located permanently in Shamokin. There he opened up what is still known as Buck Ridge Colliery, and operated it nearly ten years; prior to that it had been operated by May, Audenried & Co. He built the breaker during the time he was connected with Buck Ridge Colliery and added to it the Burnside Colliery, operating both together for six years, then selling both of them to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company in 1883. He then went into Columbia County where, under the name of Isaac May & Co., he leased and operated Morris Ridge Colliery for eight years, when he sold his interest in the business and retired.

In 1843 Mr. May was united in marriage with Mary Sterling, a daughter of John Sterling, of Pottsville, formerly of Berks County. To them have been born fourteen children, eleven of whom are still living: Maj. James Elizabeth, widow of Henry W. Morgan, who now resides in Shamokin; Isaac, of Shamokin, formerly in the mercantile business; Emma, widow of A. D. Allen, who also resides in the borough of Shamokin; Mary Ida, wife of Jacob F. Graeber, who is now in the Klondike region prospecting for gold; Joseph, deceased; Sarah Jane, wife of A. A. Heizmanson; Sue, wife of W. W. Ryon; George; Carrie; and Laura, wife of Daniel D. Driscoll, a bicycle manufacturer of Reading, Pa.

Our subject's wife and family are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church, of Shamokin, in which faith Mrs. May was born and reared. Mr. May is a devout Christian gentleman, and a member of the M. E. Church. He is a progressive, influential citizen and has identified himself with many Shamokin enterprises. He was a director of the Northumberland County National Bank; president of the Miner's Trust & Safe Deposit Company; one of the originators of the First National Bank, and its second president and has served as director for many years. In connection with the interest manifested by him in all of these enterprises he has drawn freely on his own resources and done much in the way of building up and improving the town and as a consequence is a large real estate owner. He is a staunch out-spoken Republican and has served as overseer of the poor for many years, and as supervisor of Coal township, which surrounds the borough of Shamokin.

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**A**UGUSTUS A. LUDY,\* who resides on what is well-known as the old Green farm in Hillsgrove township, Sullivan County, Pa., is extensively engaged in general farming and lumbering. He is a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Ludy, and was born in Huntersville, Lycoming County, July 20, 1852.

Conrad Ludy, the father of our subject, is a native of Germany, and lived there until 1847, when he immigrated to this country and located in Huntersville, Pa. His first employment was in a saw-mill, and while thus engaged he had the misfortune to lose an arm. Several years later he moved to Montoursville, Pa., and after tending locks for a time returned to his former business, that of lumber-

ing. This he followed until three years ago since which time he has been employed as an engineer in a saw-mill at Proctor, Pa. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kauffman, a native of Bradford County, Pa., and five children blessed their union: Augustus A., the subject of this biographical record; William Franklin, who met death by drowning at the age of six years; Charles, who died in infancy; George Hudson, a lumberman of Roaring Branch, Pa.; and Peter Adam, also a resident of Roaring Branch. Mrs. Ludy was called to her final rest in 1890.

Augustus A. Ludy was educated in the public schools of his native town after which he embarked in the lumbering business on Loyalsock Creek in Sullivan County, where his present farm is located. He continued at that for many years, or until he located on his farm in 1890. The farm consists of about twenty-six acres of well-improved land, upon which he has since been engaged in general farming, although he still follows lumbering to some extent. He is a man of great industry and has been fairly successful. In private life he is a good neighbor and has many friends. On January 30, 1879, he was united in marriage with Annetta McBride, who was born in Sullivan County, May 30, 1857, and is a daughter of James and Harriet (Green) McBride. Mr. McBride was a farmer on our subject's farm, but is now deceased. His wife is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Ludy. This union was blessed with the following children: Alta, who died in 1881, aged two years; Ella Amber, who was born in 1882 and lives at home; and Etta Edna, born in 1886. Politically our subject is a Republican, and has served as tax collector in the county for four years, constable for five years, and has held many of the minor township offices. At the present time he is overseer of the poor and has faithfully



served in that capacity for three years. Socially our subject is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America of Hillsgrove. Religiously his wife is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hillsgrove.

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**J.** D. CLINTON KASE,\* a retired farmer and merchant of Elysburg, Pa., was born in Montour County, Pa., and is a son of John and Eleanor (DeWitt) Kase, both of Rush township, Northumberland County, Pa.

William Kase, the paternal grandfather, was born in Rush township, and followed farming all his life. He married Elizabeth Hubler. John Kase, the father of our subject, was born in Rush township, Northumberland County, where he grew to manhood, removing in 1826 to Mayberry township, Montour County, Pa. For a short time he was a tanner and distiller of whiskey, later taking up farming, which he followed until he retired in 1860. Mr. Kase was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, being elder for many years. Politically he was a Republican, taking an active interest in the township affairs and holding all the township offices. Mr. Kase had many friends, being well known throughout the county. He died at the ripe age of eighty-seven years, in 1875. Mrs. Kase died April 29, 1869. Nine children resulted from this union: Isaac, deceased, who married Sarah Mattler; Charles, deceased, who married Rachael Reed; William, deceased, who married Sally A. Scott; Elizabeth, deceased, who married S. A. Burgstresser; Catherine A., who married George West, and lives in Danville, Pa.; J. D. Clinton, the subject of this biography; Margaret, deceased, who married K. McWilliams of Elysburg, Pa.;

James D., a retired farmer, who lives in North Carolina, who married Mary Tousy; and Sarah Ella, who died at the age of seven years.

J. D. Clinton Kase, the subject of this biography, lived in Montour County until he was twenty years old when he married Mary Clark, daughter of William and Jane Clark of Rush township, where Mr. Clark carried on farming. After marriage Mr. Kase moved to Mayberry township, where for thirty-five years he was known as one of the most prominent farmers of the section. In 1890 our subject located in Elysburg, where he conducted a hardware store for three years, at the end of that period selling out to his son, Harry, who does a prosperous business. Mr. Kase still owns the old homestead in Mayberry township and he is now enjoying a retired life, though he continues to take an active interest in the affairs of the church and township. Mr. Kase is an elder of the Presbyterian Church, taking deep interest in all church matters. For many years he has been a member of the school board. Politically he is an unswerving Republican. Mr. Kase has always been a steady and unflinching worker and his life has been crowned with success. He is very well known and liked throughout the county, having many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kase have been blessed with several children, as follows: Ella, who married John Pitman, and lives in Rush township,—they have five children, Mary L., Clinton, William, Hattie and Dora; Simon G., who married Dora Ent, living on his farm in Upper Augusta township; Lizzie, who married John V. Vought, a farmer in Mayberry township, Montour County, Pa.; Clark, who married Emma Crick, and now lives on the old homestead in Mayberry township; Margaret, widow of Silas Miller, who now lives with her father; John, a farmer in Mayberry



township, who married Bessie Bobb; and Harry C., who was born November 6, 1871, and who married Stella Sober, January 2, 1879. Harry C. has a large store in Elysburg, dealing in hardware, bicycles and buggies. He has conducted this store since 1893 and does a large and profitable business.

GEORGE E. TAYLOR,\* a prominent and influential farmer of Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, Pa., owns a fine farm of 350 acres, upon which he lives. He is a son of Frederick and Margaret (Edkin) Taylor, and was born in Shrewsbury township, February 13, 1833.

On the paternal side of the family, our subject is a grandson of Robert Taylor, who was a native of Lewistown, Pa., and was the first to establish the family in Sullivan county. Upon locating there he acquired a large tract of timberland which he cleared with a great deal of difficulty and much hard work, after which he erected a home. He operated a grist-mill and a distillery, in connection with which he engaged in agricultural pursuits with considerable success, owning 600 acres of land at the time of his demise, at the age of sixty-two years. He was joined in matrimonial bonds with Elizabeth Mayhue and they reared a family of children, one of whom was Frederick, our subject's father.

Frederick Taylor was a native of Shrewsbury township, Sullivan County, and there resided for many years of his life, being a prominent citizen of Muncy Valley. Politically he was a Democrat and served as supervisor and school director of his township. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Margaret Edkin, who

was born in England and emigrated to this country with her father, George Edkin, who settled on a farm in Shrewsbury township, where he resided until his death at the age of eighty years. His wife reached the advanced age of ninety-three years before submitting to the inevitable. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor: Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Beaver Kitchen, who resides at Montgomery Station, Pa.; William, deceased, married Mary Anderson, and now resides in Shrewsbury township; Robert, Jr., whose life sketch also appears in this volume; George E., our subject; Sophia, the widow of John Faust, who resides in Muncy, Lycoming County; Deborah, deceased, who was the wife of John Roach, who is also deceased; Margaret, deceased; and Theodore, who was killed in the Civil War, in 1865. Mr. Taylor died on March 13, 1886, and his wife survived him five years, dying in February, 1891.

George E. Taylor was reared on the farm and attended the common schools of his district. Upon leaving school he aided his father in clearing off a tract of timberland and lived on the home farm. He continued to live there after his marriage, and after his father's death succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead. He is recognized as a man of worth and influence in his community, and has a large circle of friends.

On December 25, 1881, Mr. Taylor was joined in wedlock with Margaret Biddle, who was born in Bradford County, Pa., September 16, 1842, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stout) Biddle. Mr. Biddle was a farmer by occupation. Politically Mr. Taylor has always been a stanch Democrat and has held many of the township offices. Religiously his wife is a member of the Lutheran Church of Dushore, Pa.

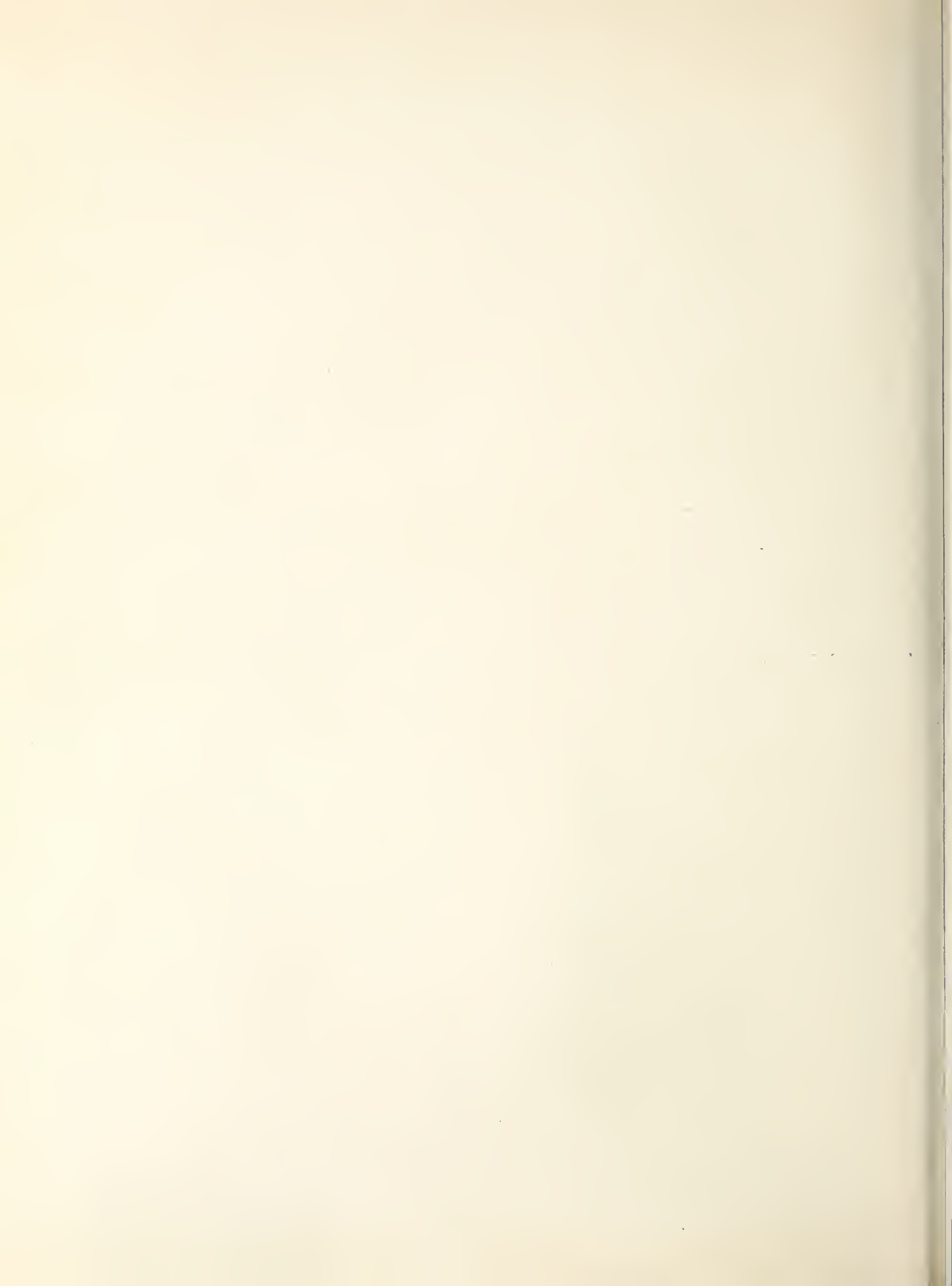
**G**EORGE FERTIG, ESQ.,\* a Civil War veteran, retired merchant, and justice of the peace of Northumberland, Northumberland County, was born January 20, 1847, at Kratzerville, Snyder County, Pa., and is a son of John and Catherine (Klinger) Fertig, and a grandson of Jacob Fertig.

Jacob Fertig, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Berks County, where he was a farmer for some time. Later he moved to Montour County. His children were: Polly; Sally; Susan; Elizabeth; and John.

John Fertig, our subject's father, was born in Berks County, Pa., and died in March, 1864. His first wife was Eva Harmon; after her death he was united in marriage with Catherine Klinger, who died in 1849. He was the father of the following children: Elizabeth B., who married William Hare of White Springs, Pa.; Sarah, now deceased, who married L. R. Miller; Polly, who died at an early age; John, who served his country in the Civil War for three years, was a member of Company D, 52nd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., and was taken prisoner and died at Fort Johnston, S. C.; Adam, a member of the 47th Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf., who was shot in the battle of the Wilderness; and George. Our subject's father was a farmer by occupation, a strong Republican, and held many township offices. In religious views he was an old school Lutheran.

George Fertig, our subject, received his education in the common schools. In the fall

of 1862 he enlisted in Company F, 122nd Pa. Reserves, for nine months' service. He received his discharge at Harrisburg, returned home and after his father's death operated, in company for a short time with S. R. Yerrick, a general store at Kratzerville, Pa. He then went into partnership with John S. Beaver at Selinsgrove, Pa., and later was in business one and a half years in a general store with George Wirt. He then sold out his interest and removed to Indiana, where he operated a flouring mill, returning in the fall of 1865 to marry Mary Ann Showler, a daughter of John and Catherine (Harmon) Showler, both now deceased. Mr. Showler was a blacksmith and farmer. Our subject and wife are the parents of two children: G. Howard, who is shipping clerk in the novelty works, but is a hat maker by trade, married Elizabeth Poeth of Lewisburg, Pa. William E. is a grinder in the novelty works, married Elizabeth Van Kirk of Point township, and had one child, Annie, now deceased. After our subject's marriage he settled in Northumberland and formed a partnership with W. T. Forsythe in a general store, where he remained seven years. Then for a few years he was with Van Allen & Company. At a later period he assumed the responsibility of the business alone. He has now retired from business life, with the exception of performing the duties of justice of the peace, to which office he was elected in 1894. He has held many offices in the borough. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F.; K. of P.; Red Men; and James Taggart Post, No. 350, G. A. R.



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